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Kat ready to pounce on glory at Olympics

Trampolinist has her sights set on the final

By Chris Britcher

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KAT Driscoll will look to bounce her way to a place in the record books this weekend as she aims to add to Team GB's medal tally at the Olympic Games.

The UK's number one trampolinist – and last year officially ranked number

one in the world – was born in Chatham and grew up in Walderslade.

She will compete on Saturday, knowing that even simply by making the final she will be going further than any other woman in British history.

And she admits the sensational performance by Britain's men's gymnastics

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REGENERATION

Thumbs-up for development

THE multi-million pound Chatham Waters development has been given the green light by council planning officers, following a meeting on Wednesday night, paving the way for the creation of potentially thousands of new jobs. It will include apartments and leisure and retail sites. PAGE 2

LAW

Gills weigh up race verdict

GILLINGHAM chiefs have spent the week pondering what steps to take next after a tribunal ruled it had racially victimised former player Mark McCammon. The club could still mount an appeal, while the FA said it had 'noted' the decision. It is not known if it will dish out any punishment.

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SPORT

Medway Mile will be back

IT was a night to celebrate the best in sport as the Medway Mile saw a record 3,000 people take to the streets of Rochester before ending the evening by watching the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games. And the good news is the council has confirmed it will return next year.

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Nation to unite behind Kat in pursuit of Games glory

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team is inspiring her to win a place on the podium.

Driscoll, $\hat{26}$, is the sole Team GB representative in the women's trampolining, which is staged at the North Greenwich Arena-the non-branded name for the O2 Arena.

In the test event staged earlier this year, the trampolinist, came fourth, fuelling hopes she could snatch a medal.

Speaking after watching the

men's gymnastic team clinch a bronze on Monday, she said: "It makes you believe you can win a medal because they weren't expected to but they still went out, stood up and they delivered.

"It makes it feel a little more real and that the possibilities are there.

"You just need to go out and grab them.'

Currently ranked 20th in the world, she first fell in love with the sport aged just six when she tried it at a summer camp.

After joining the Lordswood Leapers at Lordswood Leisure Centre and then the Gillingham Jumpers, the former Rochester Grammar School pupil honed the skills which would put her on the path to competiting for gold just miles from where she grew up.

She added: "I'm pretty confident in my performance in trampolining but I know there are gymnasts out there better than me.

"I just want to qualify for the final first of all. I want to go out and deliver two solid routines in the preliminaries, make the top eight, and then it goes back to zero and everyone starts on a clean sheet.

"I need to concentrate on myself, deliver a routine and see where it puts me.

"Realistically, I'm looking at making the final.

"A British girl has never reached the final in the event at the Olympic Games so that

is the first goal I am aiming to achieve.

"I just want to feel confident and know when I finish my routine I am happy and proud with how I performed."

Kat secured her Olympic berth after reaching the final of the World Championships in Birmingham at the end of last year, eventually finishing sev-

Her family still live in Walderslade, while Kat is now based in County Durham.

REGENERATION

Future looks bright as council approves plans for Chatham Waters £650m redevelopment

By Dean Kilpatrick

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AMBITIOUS plans to transform part of the docks into a major residential and entertainment hub have been given the green light by councillors – paving the way for potentially thousands of new jobs.

The Chatham Waters plans, submitted by Peel Land & Property, were approved by planning chiefs on Wednesday night in a vote which saw 12 in favour and three against.

The plans include a supermarket, up to 950 apartments, student accommodation, hotels, education facilities, a number of shops and designated open

Those behind the Chatham Waters proposals believe the £650 million scheme could bring in as many as 3,500 jobs to the towns.

The plans had already been backed by the authority in May, but a final decision had to be put back due to changes in planning law.

As part of the development agreement, 25 per cent of properties built in the area has to be affordable housing.

Peel Land & Property development director James Whittaker said: "It will regenerate and breathe new life into a significant area of the dockland and give the region a real economic boost. We hope to start building on the site next year."

Some objections were raised by opponents, including local business owners who are concerned that the introduction of a new commercial area will have a negative effect on nearby high streets.

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It will regenerate and breathe new life into a significant area of the dockland and give the region an economic boost

JAMES WHITTAKER, ON PLANS



WATERFRONT: Around 3,500 jobs could be created through scheme

approval was given, Medway Labour leader Vince Maple said: "These plans could create up to 3,500 jobs, which would give a real boost for Medway.

"At the same time, we want to protect Medway's existing businesses and preserve our high streets, so we intend to monitor developments to help ensure this project is mutually beneficial for all of Medway."

Gills' fans also registered issues with the plan after chairman Paul Scally suggested the area was the only site in the towns for their bid to move from Priestfield.

Mr Scally has previously said the football club may be forced to look at sites outside of the area if the Chatham Waters proposals got the go ahead.

However, a consultation carried out by Peel Land & Property showed 90 per cent of those surveyed backed the scheme, with 95 per cent of people believing it would give the local area a boost.

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Spiders, pythons and a pint in lesson on exotic pet peril

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SNAKES, bearded dragons and monitors are not what you would expect to find when you pop to your local for a pint on a Saturday afternoon.

But for punters at The Barge pub in Gillingham tomorrow (Saturday) that's exactly what they'll find at a special event organised by South East Exotic Pet Rescue (SEEPR).

Run by a team of dedicated volunteers, the organisation is hosting an awareness day to educate people about responsible ownership and the need to do research before taking on exotic pets.

It will also help to raise much-needed funds for the centre, which carries out thousands of rescues every year.

Matt Lacey, who runs SEEPR from his home in Ashford, said it was crucial people knew what they were taking on when choosing an unusual animal for a pet.

Earlier this year, the group was seeing up to 20 call-outs a day as inexperienced owners struggled to cope.

"People don't always know what they're taking on and so



we end up seeing a lot of dumped and sick animals," he said. "I've just had a 17ft python dumped on my doorstep and I've got 40-50 animals indoors in my house at the moment. There are so many."

He said Saturday's event was all about showing people what it takes to look after such a pet.

"The idea is to raise awareness that people need to do research before they get an exotic animal," he said.

Mr Lacey said while reptiles made good pets, too many people were failing to carry out the essential research. He also stressed the need to buy from reputable reptile shops instead



of garden centres or online through Facebook or Preloved.

"People don't realise how big some of the animals get and then dump them," he added.

"SEEPR rescue thousands of animals each year, from owners who can no longer cope with the high demands of an exotic pet.

He said he had seen tragic cases where reptiles had suffered severe burns due to owners failing to put guards on lights in enclosures, people using the wrong humidity levels in tanks causing respiratory problems and snakes being dumped when they get too big.

Mr Lacey added: "Some species live 30 years, some even longer, so it's a long term com-

At Saturday's event, which runs from 2-6pm, there will be large snakes of up to 18ft, 5ft giant lizards and other unusual animals. Owners are invited to bring their own exotic pets along too.

Mr Lacev said recent rescues

included two bearded dragons,

some turtles SEEPR's biggest rescues are a 20ft Burmese python named Bambi, a 7ft Nile monitor and a huge Goliath birdeater tarantula, which can grow to the size of a dinner plate.

where only one survived, and

RESCUED: A tarantula, a monitor lizard and below. a chameleon are among

the exotic

pets to have

been rescued

NEWS IN BRIEF

Raids target suspects

POLICE carried out a string of raids across the towns on Tuesday in a bid to crackdown on a host of various crimes.

Among those arrested were a 33-year-old man from Rainham suspected of stealing clothes, a woman, 21, from Chatham accused of ordering takeaway food but not paying for it, and a man, 21, from Chatham cautioned for assaulting a 34-year-old woman outside the Prince of Wales pub in the High Street.

→Fun run returns in 2013

THE Medway Mile will be back next year, the council has confirmed, after a bumper turnout hit the streets of Rochester last week.

The run was first staged in 2007 to mark the countdown to the London 2012 Olympic Games. Last Friday's run saw more than 3,000 people take part and end with a live screening of the opening ceremony of the Games.

For the full story and pictures from the event, turn to pages 10-11.

→ Board appoints Crouch

TRACEY Crouch has been appointed chair of the Medway Physical Disability Board. The Conservative MP for Chatham will

oversee the board which was set up in 2008 to provide a forum to raise issues across health and social care relating to people with a physical disability and to improve and develop services for them.

She said: "The board is an excellent way to scrutinise and hold the council accountable for its disabled services. I look forward to chairing and supporting the board going forward."





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ENTERTAINMENT

Grandmaster Flash spins into town

PIONEERING DJ Grandmaster Flash - the man behind such monster hits as The Message is to perform a special show in

Rochester later this year. Flash - real name Joseph Saddler - will be behind the decks at the Casino Rooms on November 9.

Born in Barbados and raised in the Bronx in New York, he was credited with introducing the cross-fade to DJing, allowing them to seemlessly switch from one track to the next as well as pioneering other techniques.

He is cited as an inspiration by a host of top

acts such as Public Enemy, Jay Z, Run DMC and Beck and was one of the biggest, most cuttingedge names in hip hop during the

> 1970s and 80s Now 54, the superstar continues to perform on the

decks around the world. Promoter Matt Ashdown says, "With Grandmaster Flash we've booked a man that, not only embraced the DIY ethic six years before punk but altered how music could be played and,

crucially, enjoyed." Tickets cost £12 and go on

sale today (Friday).

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TIRBUNAL

Gills consider next move after race case leaves club 'staggered'

By Dean Kilpatrick

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GILLINGHAM chiefs are nervously awaiting the implications of the Mark McCammon tribunal as the club's legal advisors hold talks with chairman Paul Scally over potentially appealing the decision.

The League Two club said they were left "staggered" after last Friday's ruling found in favour of the Barbados international that he had been racially victimised by the club.

It is not known what the full ramifications will be – potentially in relation to any possible punishment handed down by the football authorities, or from sponsors who will have been left uncomfortable at the damaging publicity generated as a result of the case.

A number of the main commercial supporters – including main sponsor MEMS Power Generation and MidKent College – were this week keeping tight-lipped over the case.

The Football Association (FA), which is on a high profile anti-racism crusade, told us it "has monitored the case and noted the decision of the employment tribunal".

It remains to be seen if any action is taken.

However, it will be hugely embarrassing to the club given

the sensitivity to race issues within football.

Only last month former England skipper John Terry was cleared of racially abusing Anton Ferdinand during a Premier League match, while last season was dogged by Liverpool's Luis Suarez and a very public row with Manchester United's Patrice Evra.

Mark McCammon, 33, has said he now wants to move on from the trial and get on with the rest of his life.

His lawyer Sim Owolabi said after the hearing: "Mr McCammon is relieved he has been afforded the opportunity to put forward the truth about the experience he suffered at the hands of his former employers.

"He is pleased the employment tribunal has found in his favour and feels the judgement makes clear that his dismissal was not only unfair but an act of race victimisation.

"Mr McCammon hopes his success will make other players feel free to raise legitimate complaints of discrimination and not suffer the traumatic treatment he has for doing so."

During the case he said he was not offered the same level of medical treatment, and that the club treated black players differently to their white team-mates.

Chairperson of football's

equality campaign group Kick it Out said the case was a "landmark ruling" and will encourage other victims to speak out.

Lord Herman Ouseley said: "It will inevitably have implications for all clubs about the way they treat people and do not discriminate against them on the grounds of race, colour, ethnicity or anything else."

A club statement read: "This case is the first of its kind to be brought against the club in its entire history, a history that has seen the club employ many thousands of staff of various race, religion and creed, none of whom have ever felt the need to bring such a claim.

"Given the nature of this case, and the findings, we will discuss the judgement with our

lawyers and decide upon the next course of action, whether that be an appeal against the findings, or another form of action, as deemed appropriate."

VERDICT: Mark McCammon won his racism case

against Gills

NEWS IN BRIEF

→ College drives ahead

MIDKENT College is stretching its wings into the world of learner drivers after confirming it was launching its own driving school.

Open to both students and others in and around the local community, the college aims to deliver lessons for around £17 per session.

It is now inviting existing local instructors to get in touch to help partner on the venture which it is hoped will be up and running in time for the new academic year in September.

Appeal for charity

A BUSINESS is seeking a locally-based charity to support over the next year to help raise funds for with a variety of events.

The Joiners Śhop in Chatham is run by Basepoint Business Centres which is owned by a charity which match-funds any money raised up to the value of £10,000.

Interested charities should contact centre manager, John Luchford or assistant manager, Maureen Tong-Ralphs on 01634 816 000.

► League set to kick-off

TEAMS are being called on to enter a new six-aside football league which kicks off in Gillingham later this month.

And all teams entering are being tempted with £100 worth of free gifts.

It kicks off at the Woodlands Community Sports Centre with each game costing £26.

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CONSERVATION

MEP joins chorus fighting to stop homes devastating birds' habitat

A EURO MP has waded into the row over the environmental impact of a 5,000-home scheme on Hoo – backing a wildlife group's battle to protect the nightingale.

The bird breed is a popular visitor to the peninsula which is ear marked for the Lodge Hill scheme.

As reported last month in YourMedway, the RSPB has warned such development threatens the birds nesting near the site. It says nightingales – famous for their song – have already seen numbers dip by 60 per cent aross the UK between 1995 and 2009

Now Catherine Bearder, a Lib Dem Euro MP for Kent, has called on Medway Council to make sure it works with the RSPB to find a solution.

She said: "I understand the desperate need for new homes, but we must not let this cloud our judgement when it comes to protecting

biodiversity. The decline in nightingales is a concern and, given the wider pressure on the species, the site warrants national protection rather than loss to development."

Chattenden Woods next to the site has already been declared a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) because of its array of flora, butterlies and birds, including piphtingales

nightingales.

The MEP added: "The nightingale population on the Hoo

Peninsula presents a fantastic opportunity to promote the understanding, conservation and enjoyment of an iconic bird."

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CAMPAIGN

Protestors warn: We need to stop the airport proposals now or threat will never go away

By Marijke Cox

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THE idea of a Thames Estuary airport is not a new one.

Looking back over the last decade, the site has been outlined several times as a possible solution to the south east's growing aviation needs.

And taking it back even further, the north Kent coast has been the focus for airport plans since as early as 1943.

It's likely that even if the latest ambitious proposals, one by architect Lord Foster on Grain and the other by London Mayor Boris Johnson on reclaimed land in the estuary, are scrapped, the plan will be back on the table before campaigners have time to pack away their placards.

Anti-airport protesters quite rightly state that unless a viable alternative is put forward, plans for an estuary airport near or even on the north Kent coast will never go away.

But it's whether any of the proposed alternatives will convince the Government they can deliver what is necessary to solve the nation's capacity problems, and within a reasonable timescale too.

In its discussion document Bold Steps for Aviation. Kent County Council stressed action must be taken to meet increasing capacity demands.

"Adjusting schedules and changing flight slots will not solve Heathrow's lack of capacity but neither will building a new multi-runway hub airport in the Thames Estuary which cannot be delivered in time to stop the UK's continued slide against its competitors," a spokesman said.

"The UK needs to be able to connect with emerging markets now and the quickest way of addressing this is to build on our current aviation infrastructure. No action is not an option."

This was echoed in a report by consultants Parsons Brinckerhoff Ltd for the South East Local Enterprise Partnership.

Aside from the devastating impact an estuary

MP FOR ESTUARY AIRPORT

A SENIOR politician at County Hall has thrown his weight behind plans for an airport in the Thames Estuary.

In a controversial move, Tory member Peter Lake, who represents Sevenoaks South, criticised Kent County Council's support for expansion at Heathrow and

He said Gatwick expansion would put extra burden on west Kent and called for better use of Manston.

But he said he also believed the estuary airport was a viable option.

Aviation, KCC called for the estuary plan to be scrapped.



SOME OF THE ALTERNATIVES

- A third runway at Heathrow.
- New runways at Gatwick and Stansted.
- Use and development of
- existing airports, such as Manston, Lydd, Southend, Luton and London City
- Improved rail connectivity to main airports
- Short term mixed-mode flying, where runways at Heathrow and Gatwick could be used for take-offs and landings at the same time.

airport would have on the environment and the safety risks linked to bird strike, a major argument is the length of time it would take to build around 15 years – and the money; at least £50 billion, including the additional infrastructure.

Alternative options already have the advantage of being likely to take significantly less time. These options will form the basis of the upcoming aviation consultation, due to be launched by the Government in the autumn.

The first and most high profile of these is a third runway at Heathrow, an almost equally as controversial prospect as the estuary airport, which has seen the Coalition divided.

The Lib Dems are against such expansion, but a number of senior Tories, including Chancellor George Osborne, are warming to the idea.

David Cameron hinted at a U-turn after previously ruling out a third runway, which raised hopes this could put the final nail in the coffin to estuary hub plans.

But Boris Johnson is continuing to push for an estuary airport.

Other alternatives to this include the addition of a second runway at Gatwick, an idea attacked by Tonbridge and Malling MP Sir John Stanley.

He wrote to KCC, which included this option in its aviation document, stating it would have environmentally devastating consequences for west Kent.

Another alternative to the estuary airport, repeatedly being brought up, is for the use of existing airports, such as Manston in Thanet and Lydd in Shepway.

KCC called for further development of these regional airports, but others have argued this would be no substitute to a hub airport.

However, a new campaign group calling itself Why not Manston? is aiming to raise the profile of the Thanet airport in the hope it will become a serious option in the aviation consultation.

A spokesman for the group said: "Manston could be a major airport in the south east and help relieve the strain on the other airports in the area.'

Other options are to improve rail connectivity to main airports, which the Government is already committing to do in south west England and Wales with a £500m investment.

Aviation capacity will be discussed later this year in the long-awaited, previously delayed consultation, with a decision expected next year.

CHOICE: Other options are being put forward as alternatives to the estuary airport proposals



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In its airport document Bold Steps for

'Biggest cult band' to rock out at intimate Medway gig

ROCKERS The Cribs will be playing an intimate warm-up show before hitting the stage at the Leeds and Reading festivals later this month.

The Wakefield band will perform at the 200capacity Royal Function Rooms in Rochester on Tuesday August 14 before performing at Reading on August 25 and Leeds on August 26.

Often described as "the biggest cult band", the group is best-known for hits such as Men's Needs and You're Gonna Lose Us.

The three-piece is made of twins Gary and Ryan Jarman and their younger brother Ross, but for a short time they were joined by legendary ex-Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr.

The Cribs released their fifth album In The Belly Of The Brazen Bull in May this year.

Tickets are on sale now.

They are not the only big band to use Kent as a warm-up venue; on Wednesday Britpop legends Blur performed at Margate's Winter Gardens ahead of their headlining event at Hyde Park.

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FDUCATION

Unqualified teachers in academies 'will set schools back decades'

Bv Mariike Cox

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EDUCATION experts have reacted with fury at a Government decision to allow unqualified teachers to work in the county's academies.

Critics say it will set Kent's schooling back 30 years and is just a cost-cutting exercise.

Ministers argue the move will allow academies. which are publicly funded but run independently from town halls, to recruit scientists, great linguists, engineers and other specialists who have not been able to work in state schools before.

But the decision has been attacked by the sector, with fears that generations of children will suffer. Currently more than half of Kent's secondary schools have become academies, and almost all of Medway's secondaries.

Fewer primaries have made the change, but this figure is expected to grow in the coming years.

John Walder, divisional secretary of the Kent branch of National Union of Teachers (NUT), said recruiting unqualified teachers was a dangerous move and one that could destroy a good public service.

"The people doing this don't care about the impact because they are the ones that send their own children to private school," he said.

"It's a dangerous move. The kind of people it could attract for these unqualified roles are failed graduates or those who didn't make it through their teacher training."

Mr Walder said it was a cost-cutting exercise where unqualified teachers would be paid less than those who had qualified.

"It's an attempt to break up teachers' pay and conditions. It's an attempt by the Government to get something for less," he said.

"They're not going to pay unqualified teachers the same. They will say it's wonderful to get these specialist people in, but what it actually is is a real step backwards."

His views were echoed by Gravesend-based expert Peter Read, of Kent Independent Education Advice, who said it would set education back 30 years.

"Education is so complex that people need training as professionals," he said.

"We have more people coming through teacher training than a number of years ago and the quality of teaching is rising year on year.

"Michael Gove (education secretary) is trying to go back to some sort of golden age that never existed.



A NEW SET OF RULES:

Government's decision to put untrained people in the classroom has been seen by many as a cost-cutting exercise that could seriously damage our education for many years

Mr Read said he believed some academies would take on unqualified teachers to save money.

But he warned the reputation of those schools teaching would be damaged and parents would be less likely to want to send their children there.

Questions were also raised about whether specialists would want to teach in state schools for less money and that the quality of the teachers will not be as anticipated by the Government.

Qualified teachers will have undergone either graduate course, combining a degree with initial teacher training; a year-long post-graduate training programme, involving school placements; or a work-based university training programme.

Teachers have to pass skills tests in maths and English. The qualification is awarded by the Government's Teaching Agency.

A Department for Education spokesman confirmed academies can now employ teaching staff which they believe to be suitably qualified, but without the automatic requirement of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

"This policy will free up academies to employ professionals - like scientists, engineers, musicians, university professors, and experienced teachers and heads from overseas and the independent sector - who may be extremely wellqualified and are excellent teachers, but do not have OTS status," he said.





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A mile of smiles as we all come together to celebrate the Games

By Chrissie Daniels

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A RECORD number of people flocked to Rochester to take part in the Medway Mile and watch the London Olympic Games get under way in such colourful and dramatic style, as Danny Boyle's remarkable opening ceremony was beamed live onto a big screen.

More than 3,000 people took part in the mile run through the town's historic streets last Friday - an annual event established in 2007 to mark the countdown to the Games.

And after five years and thousands taking part, the council has announced it will continue with the event next year, as "the highlight of Medway's sporting calendar".

The crowds walked, ran and even skipped the mile, joined 30 Royal Engineers in uniform, people in fancy dress and others raising money for good causes.



But the evening didn't end there - hundreds more joined the runners to watch the Olympic Games' opening ceremony on a big screen in Rochester Castle Gardens.

Adding to the fun of the evening, spectators were treated with performances by acrobats and musicians.

Medway Council's portfolio holder for community services. Cllr Howard Doe, said: "We were delighted to see a record number of more than 3,000 people join in the Medway Mile, which really added to the excitement of the build up to the Olympics opening ceremony.

"And now the whole country is getting into the spirit of the Games it's fitting that we can announce that the Medway Mile will continue next vear as a fun community event to promote health and fitness, while also raising money for good causes in Medway.



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OLYMPIC SPIRIT: Thousands turned out for the Medway Mile, followed by a live screening of the London 2012 opening ceremony at Rochester Castle

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Training for tennis

A NUMBER of special tennis summer camps, hoping to find the next Andy Murray or Tim Henman, are under way.

Taking place at Frindsbury Lawn Tennis Club on Frogs Island, Upnor Road, the weekly sessions run until August 31. The classes, aimed at five to 14-year-olds, are run by Stepping Stones Tennis and cost £35 per week.

Learn about science

IF the discovery of the Higgs boson – or God Particle as it is known – has ignited your interest in science, MidKent College is here to help.

It is now accepting applications for its applied science course, starting in September in the laboratories of its £86m Medway campus.

Lecturer David Gammon said: "Thanks to the interest surrounding the Large Hadron Collider and the popularity of people like Prof Brian Cox, science is as popular as it has ever been."

Celebrate the market

STROOD market will celebrate its fifth birthday at the Commercial Road car park this weekend with a host of special events and a prize draw.

The market, which has around 30 stalls selling everything from clothes and bags to fruit and veg, will be getting in the party spirit from 9am to 3pm on Saturday. There will be face painting and entertainers to lure in the crowds.

The first 1,000 shoppers will also be able to get their hands on a free Hessian shopping bag and traders will take part in a prize draw too.

HISTOR'

Great Expectations as the desk Dickens wrote three classics on returns home

By Chris Britcher

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THE desk on which Charles Dickens wrote some of his most famous novels has gone on display at his former home for the first time since his death

Dickens wrote the likes of Great Expectations and A Tale of Two Cities at the desk, which is on display at Gad's Hill Place in Higham – now a public school.

The Grade I-listed Georgian property is soon to be transformed into a world heritage centre – allowing the public to visit the house Dickens lived and died in.

Gad's Hill School, which currently uses the building, is constructing a modern new site nearby to move its pupils into.

For now, the desk is reunited with its former home for the first time since 1870. It is thanks to a unique partnership between the school, the desk's owners, the

Charles Dickens Museum, London, and a trust that will soon turn the building into a visitor attraction.

Headmaster of the independent school, David Craggs, said: "Dickens made Gad's Hill Place, the school's current residence, his home in 1856, until he died in what is now the school's dining room.

"This was the only home he ever owned and where he wrote three great novels: Great Expectations, A Tale of Two Cities and Our Mutual Friend, also leaving behind his unfinished work, The Mystery of Edwin Drood."

Since the 1920s, the headteachers of Gad's have run the school from what was Dickens' study and pupils today are taught English in what was his bedroom.

Mr Craggs added: "We realise that all of this is a great privilege and make every attempt to share our special home with the commuity. But in trying to run a school, public access becomes very limited. However, thanks to a tremendous period of growth and success, we were able to begin a multi-million pound new school project last summer, which will result in Gad's Hill Place turning into a world heritage centre which we hope will attract visitors from across the globe."

The new school construction is due to be completed in January 2013, but in the meantime, Gad's Hill School has opened its doors for a very special exhibition by the Charles Dickens Museum.

As of the end of last month, visitors have the chance to delve behind the scenes of Dickens' life at Gad's Hill Place, discovering the hidden quirks and idiosyncrasies of the building he once treasured, topping off the tour with a view of the great author's desk in his study.

Marion Dickens, Gad's Hill Place trustee and Dickens' great-greatgranddaughter, said: "To be reuniting Dickens' desk with the study it was designed for is very exciting.



ON LOCATION: Charles Dickens wrote Great Expectations at the desk in his study at Gad's Hill Place

We will be able to walk into that room and see it as it was in his lifetime. It will be easy to imagine that my great-great-grandfather has just risen from his morning's work and gone into the garden for a spot of fresh air and inspiration."

Nia McIntosh, education officer of the Charles Dickens Museum, said: "The opening of Dickens' former home this summer provides a unique opportunity for families to experience life as Dickens once knew it. With a range of exciting activities on offer, we hope to add to Kent's rich Dickens heritage with a truly memorable experience for adults and children alike."

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POLICING

Independent police chief candidate vows to use her salary to pay for new youth commissioner position

By Marijke Cox

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A HOPEFUL in the Police and Crime Commissioner race has vowed to give young people a voice if she elected by creating a youth police commissioner post.

Ann Barnes, who is the chair of Kent Police Authority (KPA), the body which currently monitors the county's force, said it would be a paid job and open to all young people, from school leavers to gap year students and unemployed youngsters.

"A police youth commissioner will create a link to those who really know what it's like to be a young citizen in Kent," she said.

"There are a lot of disenchanted young people out there and we need to give them a say in policing."

Last week Mrs Barnes made the surprise announcement she would be standing in the PCC election as



INDEPENDENT: Ann Barnes

an independent on November 15, despite previously criticising the upcoming role, which is being introduced by the Home Office.

She told this newspaper she had no choice but to stand if the Government was to push ahead with the shake up. She is expected to step down as KPA chair in August.

The PCC will be an individual voted in by the public for a four-

year term to replace the existing KPA on November 22. They will set the budget, determine a policing strategy, and have the power to hire and fire the chief constable.

The annual salary is £85,000.

Mrs Barnes launched her youth initiative during a visit to community radio Academy FM at the Folkestone Academy.

She pledged to use some of her own salary to fund the post.

"It would be a paid job, different to an internship, and it will last for a year," she said.

"I'll take someone new on each year and they will be the face of policing for young people – the person who will give them a voice."

Mrs Barnes said the idea stemmed from the suggestion made by independent London mayoral candidate Siobhan Benita in April, who had said there should be a youth Mayor of London.

"I thought it made sense and was

a really good idea. This is not just an electioneering gimmick," she said. "It will be something the young person can benefit from, they will gain experience and to have something like that on their CV would be brilliant.

"They will help me engage fully with young people the length and breadth of the county. So often, young people say they feel isolated from the work of the police. My youth commissioner initiative will bridge the gap."

Mrs Barnes said if she is elected the youth post would be in place by April 1, following an open recruitment process.

She is inviting feedback about the role at www.annbarnes.co.uk.

Other PCC candidates are Craig Mackinlay (Con), Harriet Yeo (Lab), Steven Uncles (English Democrats) and independent hopefuls Dai Liya nage, Ken Little, Fran Croucher, Fergus Wilson and Ian Driver.

OLYMPICS

Rotary helpers make Games run smoothly

AMONG the thousands of people helping ensure the smooth running of the Olympic Games in

London are two ambassadors of the Rotary Club of Chatham.

Doug Winter and Barbara Guess (pictured) both volunteered their services to work during the event as Games Makers.

Mr Winter has been a venue protocol team member at the North

Greenwich Arena. He explained: "Protocol is responsible for looking after members of the Olympic and Paralympic families – not the athletes – and in the background with the medals ceremonies."

Mrs Guess, meanwhile, has been based at Greenwich Park, where the equestrian events are being held.

She has been working as part of the venue entry team, helping spectators to get through the security checks quickly and answering any questions they have about the venue layout.

Mrs Guess explained: "Some spectators may find it a bit daunting to have to pass through security and to see members of the uniformed security officers there, so those of us who have been allocated work as part of the security team have been told we are the 'welcoming face' for the venue."

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OPINION

How we are cutting crime rates

Cllr Mike O'Brien looks at the action being taken to reduce crime and to protect our young people from being caught in the criminal justice system

IF YOU ask most people, wherever they live, what concerns them, I guarantee crime will feature high on their list.

Who doesn't want their family to be safe, and to live in an area with little anti-social behaviour, where our property is free from theft or damage?

In Medway, like in any urban area, these concerns crop up when I speak to residents.

But I think that through the hard work of the dedicated officers of Kent Police and agencies such as the probation service, the Youth Offending Team, Medway Council, the courts, and our health service colleagues, we are heading in the right direction.

At a recent council meeting, I was pleased to list the work done to reduce crime and re-of-fending in Medway. In the last financial year we have seen crime drop by 8.2 per cent compared to the previous year.

Violent crime has dropped by

seven per cent, vehicle crime is down 22 per cent and criminal damage has seen a decrease of nearly 12 per cent. Theft and handling are also down, and recorded incidents of the most serious sexual offences have dropped by nearly six per cent, bucking a countywide rise.

We are not complacent, though, and indeed do have more work to do, but I am heartened that there were 1.517 fewer victims of crime in 2011-12 in Medway than in the previous 12 months.

That is because behind these figures is a story of strong partnership working between the public sector agencies listed above and others.

And this has also seen re-offending rates reduced to less than 10 per cent, bucking the Kent trend.

Youth re-offending rates are also down. One important contributing factor is that the number of young people entering the criminal justice system has dropped.

Last year, a pilot project called Triage started, which diverts young people, where appropriate, from court following arrest. Operated by the police and health service, this assesses young people in police custody and seeks alternative measures, such as intensive work with them and their family, or referring them to health agencies where needs, such as mental health issues or speech difficulties, are discovered.

Since the project fully started in September, only four young people diverted from the courts went on to offend. And, while a Medway-wide target was set that no more than 275 young people should enter the criminal justice system for the first time, only 116 did.

For those who did, though, the work did not stop there. And three out of four of those before our youth courts in



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Who doesn't want their family to be safe? 2011-12 didn't re-offend – a 15 per cent improvement on the previous year.

This does not mean placing people in custody isn't an option. And young people who committed serious crimes were — with six per cent receiving a custodial sentence.

I would not try to pretend we are living in a crime-free utopia. Who does?

Despite what some might say, Medway's Community Safety Partnership has dedicated a great deal of time and resources to cutting crime and re-offending and this is helping ensure that, for the vast majority of our residents, the area remains a safe, clean and green place to work and live.

■ Cllr Mike O'Brien is chair of Medway Community Safety Partnership, and cabinet portfolio holder for community safety and customer contact at Medway Council.

KOS COMMENT

Cheer on our stars at greatest show on earth

ONE week down, and the Olympics have already proved to be a huge success – not least here in Kent. With the county's stars already

With the county's stars already bagging two medals, the coming week could be even better with a number of our finest performing on the big stage.

The Olympic spirit has swept the country off its feet, and plenty of people have taken advantage of the greatest show on earth taking place just down the road.

That hasn't stopped the rest of us left behind enjoying every minute of the Games though.

The country has unified under the success of the likes of Bradley Wiggins, so let's see Kent get together and back our fine crop of athletes.

We need fun at the fair

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century.
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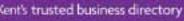


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We don't all watch the TV

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Anthony Sansum, Dover

The ordinary should lead us

PAYING a cleaner in cash 'is morally wrong': Minister says families who settle bills cashin-hand are as bad as tax avoiders

We all know not paying VAT is wrong, but why is it Mr and Mrs Ordinary are always the ones being attacked by this and any government?

Someone who has some small jobs done in their house for say £1,000 then has to pay the Government a further £200 in VAT. Not that I am suggesting avoiding VAT because that is an evil thing to do and can see the collapse of the economy, blah, blah.

Yet the same Government is wasting millions, the Speaker of the House had a shower screen put in for £1,500, it was reported Nick Clegg spent a £1 million on advisors, what about the billions spent on foreign aid to countries like India who have their own space programme, what about MPs' corruption, greedy bankers who do not even get prosecuted. There is one rule for the rich and famous and one for us peasants.

Mr and Mrs Ordinary's saving of £200 will most probably go to buying something else, like food or paying the mortgage.

The Conservatives are returning to a pre-war party of millionaires and toffs, the problem is the alternative. Labour and Lib Dems are exactly the same.

Let's return to a grocer's daughter or a grammar school boy running the country. someone who understands Mr and Mrs Ordinary.

Martin Clarke, Sittingbourne

Watchers are highly political

IT was with great interest that I read your story of July 21 (French fuel fears of new immigration nightmare, etc), in which you refer to Migration Watch as 'a non-political think-tank which monitors migration into the UK'

I am not quite sure on what

understanding of 'political' your characterisation is based, but I think it would be more accurate to describe Migration Watch as a pressure group that has the aim of shaping public debate on immigration, which is, as your article makes clear, a political issue of considerable importance; Migration Watch is by any reasonable reckoning involved in political campaigning.

Moreover, it is somewhat of an understatement to say Migration Watch merely 'monitors' migration; rather, its raison d'être appears manifestly to be to express persistent concern that there is too much immigration, and to mobilise public and media opinion behind this widespread yet contentious view.

Perhaps what was meant in the article was that Migration Watch was a non-'party'political organisation. Even then, all the individuals you subsequently quote who endorse the views expressed by Migration Watch's spokesman

are Conservative MPs. There is undoubtedly a correlation between Migration Watch statements and backbench Tory opinion, even if there is no explicit link between pressure group and party.

Likewise, it is in national newspapers firmly to the right of the political spectrum (Mail, Telegraph, Express, Star) that Migration Watch press releases are most frequently and approvingly reproduced.

Any reasonable assessment of Migration Watch's position and activities would conclude that, far from being a 'nonpolitical think-tank which monitors migration', it is a right-wing anti-immigration political lobby group whose ideological bedfellows are more likely to be found on the Conservative backbenches and in Ukip than elsewhere. It is disappointing that in the article you - either naively or disingenuously-reproducesMigration Watch's self-applied description uncritically.

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Tax air travel appropriately

THERE is increasing demand for air travel (Letters, July 22). However, the solution is not to build more runways or more airports, but to start taxing aviation fuel properly, so air travel pays for more of the damage that it causes.

Air travel is particularly bad for climate change, which is the major threat facing humanity. As well as carbon dioxide, aircraft engines emit nitrogen oxide and water vapour. Nitrogen oxide is a greenhouse gas, and water vapour leads to contrails and more cirrus clouds, both of which warm the Earth.

Estimates vary, but total global warming caused by air travel is probably at least twice as bad as burning the same amount of oil in other ways.

Richard Mountford, Hildenborough

Polygraph tests are a lie

RE: 'Compulsory lie detector tests for sex offenders', Letters, July 29.

Presumably this is about using basic medical knowledge which tells how potential danger or excitement of any kind is picked up by the body's central nervous control system. Adrenalin is pumped through the body to power it into action if needed. It is what's called fight or flight, that is, stay and face the consequences, or run.

Adrenalin can increase the heart rate dramatically. Any changes would show on a polygraph. It doesn't mean a person is not telling the truth. The body's autonomic system is out of their control. A person doesn't have to be guilty of any wrong doing, but could still shows signs of distress or sweating, racing pulse or other conditions which are interlinked and register incriminating results on a polygraph.

Unless a person is taking beta blocker drugs or other prescibed medication to suppress a heart condition, in my opinion, there is no way to stop triggering adverse results on a polygraph. To use evidence from polygraphs, is in my opinion, a distortion and gross misuse of medical facts. and a miscarriage of justice.

Roger Arnold, Herne Bay

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Your saving bonds are well worth 10-year wait

I WOULD be grateful for your opinion on the 10-year bonds issued by Severn Trent Water. The yield is only 1.3pc, which is low, but this rises with inflation. Are there penalties for early withdrawal if I need my money back before 2022?

IF YOU invest the minimum £2,000, the starting yield of 1.3pc will give you £26. It is what happens next that makes these bonds interesting. Inflation was $\,$ running at more than 5pc last year. It has since dropped to 3.1pc, with the official prediction that it will fall further. Let's suppose inflation falls to just 1pc. You would still see a small rise in your interest payments, to £26.40. But for most investors the real attraction will lie in hanging on to these bonds for the full 10 years. Even at 1pc inflation, your £2,000 would grow to £2,209. At 5pc, you would get back more than £3,250. These bonds are a gamble on inflation, but if inflation happens to go into reverse, your original £2,000 would not shrink. You would simply get it back in 2022. And you can turn your bonds into cash early if you wish. They are traded on the stock market, though this does mean that the price depends on how many new investors want to buy.

MY WIFE and I have an annual travel insurance policy. She is currently being treated for a condition that was diagnosed after the policy was renewed in February, and we are going on holiday again in September. Do we have to inform the insurance company about her illness?

I HAVE not seen your policy, but it is almost certain that you must tell the insurance company about any change in the health of anyone covered. The company is entitled to know the degree of risk it is taking in providing cover against you or any member of your family needing treatment abroad. If you had already booked your September trip before your wife fell ill, there should be no change in premiums or in the cover provided by the policy, but if your wife's condition is likely to be long lasting, you might well be charged more for future holidays.

WE wanted to set money aside for our grandchildren, but our bank wanted personal details from their parents. We do not want the parents to know that the money exists. Could we save in our own names, even if this means paying some tax?

You could set up a legally binding trust that would separate the money from your



own savings, but unless a significant sum is involved, the costs are probably not worthwhile. However, you could invest in something tax-free, such as premium bonds, or open a bank account designated with the children's initials to indicate that the proceeds are intended for your grandchildren. If any tax is due and you deal with this personally, their parents will not be involved.

IN 1998 my husband and I invested in Sun Life of Canada units, intending the proceeds to go to our grandson in 2017. Recently I inquired and found this part of the company's business was sold to Credit Suisse in 2001, and then sold again to Aberdeen Trust. Credit Suisse now says half the units were sold in 2003 for £614. I am still endeavouring to trace the other half.

LEGALLY, companies are required to keep records for only six years, yet investment firms offer schemes that last far longer. It is not unusual for readers to tell me their investments have disappeared following mergers or takeovers, with the new management saying it has no records. It is always a good idea to touch base with the company every few years, unless you are already receiving annual reports or similar statements. If the companies involved in your investment cannot explain the withdrawal and trace the balance, do contact the ombudsman (0800 023 4567).

I UNDERSTAND the safety limit for bank savings is £50,000, but as far as Santander is concerned, does this include savings originally with Alliance & Leicester?

THE compensation scheme that guarantees bank savings now covers up to £85,000. Some mergers have temporarily allowed separate cover for savings in both banks, but Santander now has just one limit of £85,000. This covers its own accounts and those opened originally with Alliance & Leicester, Bradford & Bingley, and Cahoot.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Don't end up saddle sore from a lack of insurance

Cycling is likely to gain in popularity over the next few weeks and months thanks to Bradley Wiggins – but if you're one of those about to get on two wheels, don't forget to check your insurance. **ADAM AIKEN** reports

WHETHER it's down to the achievement of Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins, the arrival of the Olympics or simply the change in the weather, expect a surge in the number of people getting on their bikes over the coming weeks and months.

The cycling world will be hoping that Wiggins' victory will encourage more of us to take up the activity for leisure.

Meanwhile, a study has predicted that the number of commuters on two wheels could more than double over the summer.

The research found that while 13pc of workers currently ride a bike to work, a further 4.9 million people intend to do so on occasions this summer, inspired by Britain's Olympians as well as the urge to get fit and save money.

However, the same study found that 10pc of bike owners have fallen foul of thieves over the past five years – and more than half of them were not able to claim successfully on their insurance for the loss.

The figures suggest that while taking out bike insurance can give peace of mind, failing to pay attention to what is and is not covered can cost you dearly.

"It's great to see that so many people are inspired to cycle to work this summer and the Olympics feel-good factor clearly plays a part in that," said Richard Al-Dabbagh, head of Santander Insurance, which carried out the research.

"However, bikes get stolen very regularly with and without locks on, so people should check their home insurance policy offers adequate cover for their bicycle outside the home."

Martyn Foulds, senior claims manager for Halifax Home Insurance, said following a few basics would help prevent theft in the first place, and make it easier to claim successfully should the worst happen.

"Often, some types of locks such as cables can be cut and are therefore not enough of a deterrent for thieves, so investing in a solid lock can be worth it in the long run," he said.

"Keeping receipts and taking photographs of the bike after purchase and noting any modifications would help claims to be processed smoothly should anything go wrong.

"Insurers require a crime reference number in order to make a claim, so

TOP TIPS



- Invest in a good lock. Bear in mind that cable locks can be easily cut.
- Check your home insurance policy and consider additional cover for contents outside the home if you use a bike to travel regularly.
- Whatever your policy, check the small print so you know about any exclusions.
- Take photographs, keep receipts and make a note of the name, specific model and serial number of the bike.
- Make sure that your bike is marked and registered with a police security initiative, such as www.bikeregister.com.
- Use bicycle racks if possible, and always lock your bike even if you are leaving it for only a few minutes.

ensure you report any incident to the police as soon as possible should you fall victim to theft."

Halifax's statistics suggest a steep rise in bike-theft claims during July, and with an all-time high of £700 million in bike sales forecast for this year, cyclists should make sure they have adequate protection should they fall foul of the thieves.

John Miles, of Gocompare.com,

said: "Check that your bike is covered by your standard home insurance policy as it's possible that it may need to be specifically extended to cover stolen or damaged bicycles.

"If you are buying an expensive road bike – for example, carbon fibre road bikes can cost between £1,000 and £3,000 – then you will certainly need to talk to your existing insurer to arrange cover."

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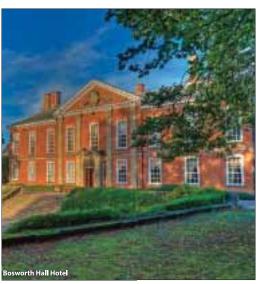
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	30 December - New Year Break	3	£139	
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Somerset Coast	17 September, 15 October	4	£119	
Includes adult only	entertainment			
	30 December - New Year Break	3	£139	
Pakefield	6, 13, 27 August	4	£99	
Suffolk Coast	2 November	3	£99	
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Eurotunnel's 'satisfactory' first half despite drop in share price

By Nick Ames

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SHARES in Groupe Eurotunnel fell almost 6 per cent after the operator of the Channel Tunnel revealed that its half-year operating profits had slumped despite an impressive increase in revenues.

Analysts blamed cost management at Europorte, the company's rail freight and infrastructure subsidiary, which accounted for two-thirds of a €45 million rise in group operating costs.

First half-yearly profits were also lower than expected.

But Jacques Gounon, chairman and chief executive, dismissed concerns over the figures, saying that he expected the Europorte division to break even early next year, especially as the company expected a surge in business during the Olympics.

However, it is too early to say whether this will take effect.

M Gounon said the spending, which included money on new staff and training, was necessary for expansion; there



POSITIVE: The Olympics is one of several factors that could give Eurotunnel a boost

has been a 36 per cent rise in revenue in the six months to the end of June.

Group sales rose 14 per cent at constant currencies to \in 473m, while operating profits were \in 129m, compared with \in 144m last year.

"The full effect of the Olympics in July, the post-Olympic effect and the fact that our second half is always better than our first gives us great confidence," said an upbeat M Gounon.

The jubilee celebrations in early June helped create a record-breaking day for travel from the UK to continental Europe. In total, 10,000 passenger vehicles left by shuttle on the Friday ahead of the celebrations, travelling from Folkestone to Coquelles. This represented a record figure for any 24-hour period.

In addition, during the three days of

the jubilee celebrations, 26,000 passenger vehicles travelled between Kent and France.

Eurotunnel is adding an extra half-shuttle to cope with demand throughout the Olympics and has increased the speed of shuttle trains from 140kph to 160kph – the speed they are due to run at in 2015, when Deutsche Bahn is set to add services on the cross-Channel link.

The operator of the Channel Tunnel and Le Shuttle car and coach train has already seen a "pre-Olympic" rise in traffic. Revenues rose 14 per cent to $\{473m$ in the six months to June, although net profit was steady at $\{5m\}$

Eurotunnel has also "intensified" the timetable in the early mornings to make sure spectators arrive in the capital in time for morning sessions.

In the first six months this year, truck shuttles rose the most, up 20 per cent. Car traffic rose 4 per cent, coaches 6 per cent and Eurostar passenger numbers 3 per cent.

M Gounon concluded: "This first halfyear has been very satisfactory."

TRANSFER

Children's Mutual in Forester Life talks

THE Children's Mutual, formerly known as Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society, is eyeing a possible transfer into Forester Life.

The company hopes to be ready to notify members of any decision by the end of the year. Graeme McAusland, chief executive of The Children's Mutual, said: "We always look to act in our members' and customers' interests and are pursuing this aim during the negotiations.

"At this early stage, we have signed Heads of Agreement and have entered into a period of exclusive negotiations with Forester Life. Following a period of due diligence, we hope to be in a position to write to members about the proposed transfer before the end of the year.

"All eligible members will be invited to vote on the proposal at a special general meeting and we will also need to gain regulatory approval from the Financial Services Authority."

Euan Allison, UK group managing director of Forester Life, said: "We believe this potential transfer would be beneficial to both members of The Children's Mutual and our own members.

"We anticipate being able to provide better value for policy-holders primarily through cost savings. It also offers the potential for all members to be a part of a larger mutual organisation, supported by our parent organisation in Canada.

"Through the due diligence period we will work alongside The Children's Mutual to come to the best solution for all members."

ELECTRICITY

Infrastructure upgrade to keep the lights turned on

UK Power Networks is upgrading its electricity infrastructure to the tune of £2.6 million to keep the lights on in Dover.

New equipment, called switchgear, has been installed in a switch-house at its substation in the town.

A team of about a dozen experts are working to transfer all the electrical systems and circuits and all the new equipment is due to be live by September.

The site receives electricity via overhead power lines and underground cables at 33,000 volts and converts it to 11,000 volts. At this lower voltage, electricity is delivered across the area through a vast network of underground cables, bringing power to customers' doorsteps.

Project manager Simon Collingwood said: "The equipment we are replacing has served Dover well, but we are constantly investing to renew our equipment for the benefit of customers. This investment is to help ensure we maintain safe, secure electricity supplies, reducing the likelihood and duration of power interruptions.

"Once all the new equipment is up and running, it will be an essential part of the infrastructure that enables people across a wide area to go about their daily lives."

The work is part of a UK Power Networks £360m investment this year in its networks in the South East, London and East of England.

PRODUCTION

Contract encourages ecoegg producer back to his roots

A KENT entrepreneur has chosen his home county as the global production base for his innovative new laundry product after winning a contract to stock Lakeland stores nationwide.

Rob Knight, from Orpington, has set up the headquarters for his expanding business, ecoegq limited, in Maidstone.

The firm now employs six and the decision to house the final stage of production at a warehouse in the county will add a further eight jobs.

The ecoegg replaces washing powder and is placed in the drum of the machine to wash clothes. The egg-shaped device is filled with pellets made from minerals proven to remove dirt and orime.

Almost 100,000 ecoeggs have been sold since they were launched on the QVC shopping channel in 2010.

Knight and business partner Dawn White, both pictured, spent four years designing, testing and creating the egg. Originally it was manufactured



in China, but Knight wanted to invest in his community and chose a warehouse in Kent to pack the products, which are now manufactured in the UK.

"I always planned to bring manufacturing to the UK, and after winning the contract to be the only product of its kind stocked in Lakeland, we've decided to do just that," he said. "We have researched the best manufacturers for the various elements of the product, and the final stage of production takes place here."

Each ecoegg costs £19.99, lasts for three years or 720 washes and works out as less than three pence per wash, compared with 25p for washing powders.

County investment agency looks back over 15 years

By Nick Ames

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INVESTMENT promotion agency Locate in Kent says it has helped companies expand or move into the county 783 times during its first 15 years – a rate of one new investment a week.

Locate in Kent figures show the biggest number of successes came in the business-services sector (106), followed closely by ICT (98) and manufacturing (81).

The majority of Kent newcomers arrived from elsewhere in the UK; however, the county also welcomed more than 200 businesses from overseas.

More than 60 companies came from the United States, 35 from France and 22 from Germany. There were also moves from Tai-

wan, Korea, Argentina and Israel.

Among the French arrivals was SBE, which enlisted the help of Locate in Kent in 1996. The telecoms company opened its first overseas subsidiary in Ashford later that year, employing just five members of staff. The firm expanded on to Beaver Business Park in 2001 and now employs almost 1,000 workers on site

The diagnostics arm of American firm Abbott Laboratories has also enjoyed rapid growth since arriving in Dartford in 2003, and now employs more than 400 senior scientists.

Locate in Kent also provided support for Japanese giants including Hochiki, Fujitec, Fujiseal and Hitachi to come to or expand in Kent.

In terms of jobs, Locate in Kent has helped create or retain more than 50,000 positions in the past 15 years, it says.

By sector, financial services led the way with 9,780 jobs, ahead of ICT (5,791) and business services (4,774). In the last financial year, 2011-12, a total of 3,243 positions were created or retained in the county by companies assisted – a

Paul Wookey, chief executive at Locate in Kent, said: "Our 15th anniversary gives us the opportunity to look back on and celebrate our successes and, perhaps more importantly, plan for the future.

"We are proud of our achievements, having welcomed more than 700 companies of all sectors and sizes from across the globe to Kent. Many of these companies have flourished thanks to the county's unique business and lifestyle benefits and have become major employers in the area.

"Our task now is to continue to deliver into the future, in spite of challenging economic conditions. It is our job to deliver flexible solutions to businesses looking to expand or relocate in Kent, providing and protecting more jobs in the county."

Mark Dance, county council cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, said: "Locate in Kent has provided a tremendous boost to the county over the past 15 years. By promoting the county as a unique business location and offering access to property searches and free, professional relocation services, it has made relocation and expansion here a compelling business choice – a step hundreds of firms have taken."

VENUE

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Breeds Centre in Woodchurch, gives companies a chance to get out of the office for some clear, uninterrupted strategic thinking.

Its beamed, barn-style room accommodates up to 200 conference delegates in theatre style or 150 seated for a meal. The centre offers flexible in-house catering from a simple finger buffet to a four-course silver-service dinner.

The Falcons Centre also has a private bar and a sun terrace area, while the adjoining Kestrel Room is suitable for break-out meetings or smaller events for up to 20 delegates.

APPOINTMENT

Dover Harbour Board has a new member

DOVER Harbour Board has been joined by Tim Waggott following the retirement of director Mike Krayenbrink.

Waggott, who joined in 2007, is director of business and support services, which is responsible for the finance team, infrastructure development and technical services, as well as the supervision of business management for property and estates, freight and cargo.

Bob Goldfield, chief executive, said: "Tim's appointment is well deserved as he has become a valued member of the organisation, using his expertise and vision to help guide the business towards a successful future."

Waggott said: "I am looking forward to supporting the Port of Dover business to realise its clear potential to grow, add value and further increase economic activity and employment opportunities."

Your company missing those vital calls? Firm could have the answer

KENT Science Park-based business GoResponse continues to go from strength to strength.

Last year saw the market-leading telephoneanswering service expand into new premises on the science park and grow the number of staff to more than 100.

So far, the first half of 2012 has seen it continue its investment in technology and infrastructure by launching a new website.

Offering much more flexibility than the previous site, GoResponse.co.uk is now split into two areas – one for smaller businesses and one for corporate clients.

The website overhaul is just one aspect of GoResponse's investment in technology. The firm has channelled more than £100,000 into its new offices, and part of this involved ensuring that every member of staff was set up with dual-screened computers, making it easier for operators to interact with both internal and external systems.

Mark Kirby, managing director of GoResponse, is pleased with the investment and potential for future expansion.

He said: "We have invested a lot of money into both our premises and our technology to ensure we always remain on the leading edge of what is out there. Our goal is to deliver unparalleled customer service, and ensuring that our operators have the best technological tools in place is a huge factor in doing this.

"We have also invested in a training room, used specifically to ensure all staff receive comprehensive guidance and coaching to get them to reach the high level of customer service we guarantee our clients.

"Ās we have the potential to expand our team by another 30 per cent, it is important that we have the facilities to bring all new starters up to speed efficiently."

James Speck is site director of Kent Science Park. He said: "GoResponse are one of Kent Science Park's, and also Swale's, true business



management team. From left, Glen Blow, marketing director; Cathy Rivett, operations director; and Mark Kirby, managing director

SMILES:

GoResponse

success stories. They started with us on the park in 2003 with just four employees and now they have more than a hundred.

"They are a prime example of how KSP can work with businesses to help them grow and develop. Recently, we supported GoResponse with their move to new premises on site, and we will support their continued development."

To celebrate the launch of the new website, GoResponse is offering new customers the chance to trial its message-taking service for free. On average, businesses miss some 20 per cent of their calls, and each call could potentially be new business.

Kirby said: "No matter how big or how small a business is, existing customers will soon lose

patience if their calls are not picked up and new prospects may not call back a second time. In fact, research suggests that prospective customers are hesitant to leave voicemails – and if you don't pick up, you can be sure your competitors will.

"The reason for the free trial is that we're confident any business who tries our message-taking service for a week will see the benefits straight away."

"And when we say free trial, it's just that. There are no hidden costs or obligations to continue. If at the end of the week you haven't seen any benefits to your organisation, then you can just walk away and it won't have cost you a penny."



Training, courses and careers

Science students mark on history

BUDDING scientists inspired by the discovery of the God particle have been challenged to make their own mark on history.

MidKent College offers a number of qualifications in applied science and is accepting applications from prospective students for courses starting in September.

The laboratories at the £86 million Medway campus run a range of courses including astronomy, industrial chemistry, forensics, genetics, and the foundation degree in life science laboratory

technology and bio-manufacturing.

Lecturer David Gammon said: "Thanks to the interest surrounding the Large Hadron Collider and the popularity of people like Professor Brian Cox, science is as popular as it has ever been.

"MidKent College is the perfect place for students to take those first steps towards a great career in the science industry, and hopefully even more fantastic discoveries in the future."

Applications are now open for the Level 2 Diploma in Applied Science, which is equivalent to four GCSEs at grades A-C.

Students who complete the diploma often progress onto the Level 3 Extended Diploma, which is equivalent to three A-levels and is also now open for application.

"All our courses are very hands-on," said Mr Gammon. "Virtually every lesson has some sort of practical element to it, which makes it a lot different to school.

"We find that's the best way to help our students understand the theory behind the tests they are carrying out.

"Many of those enrolled on our science courses enjoyed the subject at school but perhaps didn't do as well as they had expected and lost confidence as a result.

'We help them rebuild that confidence so they can move onto greater things, which many of our students do.

Lawyers offered chance to keep up with legal changes

MEDWAY Council and Kent Law School at the University of Kent have joined forces to ensure lawyers and legal advisors are up to speed on new developments in the law.

The partnership will offer professional training and seminars to students at KLS, and the council's team of lawyers, all of whom require on-going professional training throughout their careers.

Medway Council was recently given a clean bill of health, after an inspection by the Office of the Surveillance Commissioner. One of the outcomes of the inspection was the need for officers who want to use covert techniques and the authorising officers to have regular

Medway Council's portfolio holder for community safety and customer contact Cllr Mike O'Brien said: "KLS are producing law graduates of the future and so it is important we should not miss the opportunity to build relationships with them and the magistrates' court.

"These seminars will bring together Medway and Kent colleagues to share best practice and the wealth of knowledge that is on our doorstep.

"Working with the university makes real sense, and also helps to keep training costs down, which is beneficial to everyone involved."

told to make their Aron wins Apprentice of the Year title to follow in his father's footsteps

A YOUNGSTER studying at North West Kent College has won the prestigious Apprentice of the Year competition.

The college said Aron Baker, 20, from Welling, has been an outstanding asset to its painting and decorating department and has won a collection of competitions and awards since starting his course three years ago.

Now Aron has claimed the title of Dulux Apprentice of the Year for 2012, which is a national competition. Before this Aron won the southern regional finals three years in a

He said: "I was What is your business doing to help over the moon Keep Kent Working? when I found Do you send employees on out that I had won training courses to aid their the Appersonal development or run prentice of apprenticeship schemes? If you year have a good news story email Award. editorial@kosmedia.co.uk "My tuor call us on

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Philip Jubb has been really encouraging and I'm still celebrating.

It was not just Aron who won in the competition. North West Kent College were presented with the award of Dulux Decorators' Centre of the Year 2012, which means it will be hosting the Dulux Apprentice of the Year competition for

In 2010 Aron won the Best in Kent award, where he competed against the five other Kent colleges. He has also won the Skillbuild southern regional competition this year and will go forward to the national finals at Preston College in September. As well as this, Aron won the Southern Region Johnstones Young Painter of the Year 2012 and will go on to the national final at the painting and decorating show at the Ricoh Arena Coventry Football Stadium, in November.

Aron is near the completion of his studies on the painting and decorating Level 3 Diploma and National Vocational Qualification (NVQ), from which he claimed the title of North West Kent College Paint-

ing and Decorating Student of the Year in 2010.

Philip Iubb, lecturer in painting and decorating at the college said: "I am so proud of what Aron a achieved. "Winning

Apprentice of the Year 2012 was so special for us all, his dad was there to share the glory and a few tears were

the

Dulux

shed by grown men. "He is an outstanding decorator and well-rounded young man. He is a credit to both his family and the college.

Aron has a deep-rooted interest in painting and decorating that stems from following in his father's footsteps.

The college said he has a real enthusiasm for producing high quality work and he now works for refurbishment firm, GB Farrar based in Hither Green.



DECORATED: Hard-working Aron Baker, aged 20, has been named Apprentice of the Year

College's £2m for disabled students

Education has been awarded £2 million to build bespoke accommodation on its Bromley Campus that will provide high quality facilities, teaching and support for young people aged 16-25 with complex learning difficulties and

The college says it already has a strong reputation for providing education and training for students with learning difficulties and disabilities and currently provides for more than 750 youngsters who have additional learning support.

With this new funding, Bromley College can now provide further education for the increasing number of 16-25 year old learners with more

complex needs who otherwise have had to look outside the area.

Bromley College and the council say they are are both committed to developing the right facilities to meet the education gap in the borough and when money was made available through the Education Funding Agency, the college submitted a proposal in partnership with the local authority.

This successful bid will mean the college can build a range of new facilities which will include hospitality and catering, speech and therapy rooms, state-of-the-art ICT facilities, media and performance rooms, and all with ramp access.

Work will begin over the summer and will be

The principal of Bromley College, Sam Parrett, said "This is such a great success story for the borough and we are looking forward to getting on with the project which is a critical part of our community plan.

"We are confident that we will be able to provide young people and their families with high quality facilities, support, and education in their own community."

Bromley College merged with Orpington College a year ago and provides education and training in almost all vocational areas of learning, with courses ranging from entry level to higher education.

Schools & education

Olympic hero praises school pupils as they win medals for aspiration

ONE of the world's top sportswomen has congratulated Broadstairs students who have completed a programme aimed at helping them raise their aspirations.

Anna Hemmings MBE, is best known as Britain's most successful ever female canoeist, a two-time Olympian and six times World Champion.

She has also overcome health issues and battled back from chronic fatigue syndrome to rule the waves.

She was special guest at a presentation ceremony at the end of the Be The Best You Can initiative at The Charles Dickens School.

The programme enables every young person to achieve and succeed through raising aspirations and generating self-awareness and self-responsibility.

Students in Year 8 at the school took part in the programme which is enabled by a universities and schools part-

nership in Kent and Medway.

They received special medals to signify their achievements in Olympic year.

Headteacher Andrew Olsson said: "The programme is extremely positive and important. It helps develop life skills, citizenship qualities, responsibility, self confidence, and communication skills.

"Anna was the perfect person to present the awards. She is a great motivator and has inspired our students."

Cricket club bowled over by students who built new scoreboard

BRICKLAYING and carpentry students have built Canterbury Cricket Club its first-ever electronic scoreboard.

For 25 years the club had used wooden boards to keep track of games, but is now making use of the new 8ft tall device which can be seen all across the cricket club's Polo Farm ground.

It was designed and built by 30 site carpentry and bricklaying students from Canterbury College. The electronics were done by specialist company Durant Cricket.

The students began work on the scoreboard in January. College tutor and cricket club member Rob Bartlett challenged students to create the scoreboard, which counts as part of their coursework.

Club chairman Graeme Bennett said: "The players and spectators are very impressed because the students did a fantastic job.

"What they made was not only more affordable than what big-name manufacturers offer, but better suited to the club's needs because we were able to work closely with the college during the build. We'd like to have



NOT OUT: Students with tutor Rob Bartlett (left) and cricket club chairman Graeme Bennett (right)

them make a second one in the future."
Construction tutor Rob Bartlett said: "I think they've done a fantastic job. It's especially impressive considering they had never built anything like this before."

Youngsters asked for opinions on plans for university technical college

YOUNG people in Medway are being asked to help shape the future of education in Medway by taking part in an online survey.

The survey is aimed at pursuing the possibility of establishing a university technical college in Medway, by asking young people what they think about the idea.

The board behind the bid, run by the University of Greenwich, MidKent College and the council, hope the survey at www.medway.gov.uk/utc will

get as much feedback about the proposal possible, to use should any future rounds of applications be announced.

An initial bid for a UTC specialising in engineering and construction was submitted to the Department for Education earlier this year, but did not get the go ahead.

Now, the board is continuing to look at options for establishing a technical school in Medway and is keen to hear what young people and their

families have to say.

Offering a range of practicalbased courses and qualifications including GCSEs, A levels, BTECs and NVQs, the UTC would offer hands-on training and academic study led by the University of Greenwich and local employers.

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MA/12/0971/S - LADDS COURT BARN, CHART HILL ROAD, CHART SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3EZ - Construction of new tractor garage and erection of a CCTV column and retrospective application for construction of a new access to agricultural site. Reason: 1

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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, CITY OF CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ON FOOTWAY OR VERGE)(AMENDMENT NO 2a) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under sections I(I), 2(I) to (3), 3(2), 4(I) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to

The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Canterbury) (Various Roads, City of Canterbury) (Prohibition of Stopping on Footway or Verge) Order 2010 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in Canterbury:

Palace Street, Canterbury Palace Street and Turnagain Lane

Station Road, Herne Bay between Spenser Road and the station

The orders were made on 3 August 2012 and come into force on 29 August 2012. Full details are contained in the Orders which, together with Statements of the council's reasons for making the Orders and copies of the orders amended by the Orders may be examined at the Canterbury City Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury, CTI IYW during normal

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

This Notice is published on behalf of Kent County Council, Highways and Transportation,

Enterprise and Environment County Hall Maidstone MEI4 2XO



Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (General Development) Procedure Force 1993

Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/f12/00961/LB: Court Lodge Coach House and Stable, Church Lane, Nackington, Lower Hardres, CT4 7AE Internal and external alterations in connection with conversion of coach house to residential accommodation. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Thomas Reason: Work to a

CAI/12/01064/FUL: 55 Regent Street, Whitstable, CT5 1JF Removal of side door and reduction in side window size and insertion of French doors in rear of dwelling. Applicant: Mrs Rossi Reason: Conservation area.

Consideration area. CA/I12/01140/FUL: Tile Lodge Farm, Hoath Road, Hoath, CT3 4JN Extension to agricultural building for use as grain and machinery store.

(Revised scheme). Applicant: PB Headley & Son Reason: Conservation area.

CA/I12/01182/FUL: The Haven, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham, CT4 6PG Replacement dwelling with detached garage and new vehicular access.

Applicant: Mr P Wiggins Reason: Conservation area. CA//12/01194/VAR: 23 Oaten Hill, Canterbury, CT1 3HY Retention of development without compliance with condition 10 (sustainable

CA/12/0131/14. J Gastanian CA/100/1937/FUL. Applicant: Cardy Construction Ltd Reason: Setting listed building in conservation area. CA/1/20/198/FUL: The King's School Shop, 45-46 Palace Street, Canterbury, CT1 2DZ Change of use from retail (Use Class A1) to education facilities classrooms (Use Class SD1). Applicant: The King's School Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area. CA/1/2/01211/FUL: 1 Glemsford Cottages, London Road, Harbledown, CT2 9AW Single-storey extension to rear and dormer to front of

dwelling, Applicant: Mr Chidwick Reason: Conservation area, CAI/12/01220/CAC: 32 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LH Demolition of existing portal framed building. Applicant: Mr R Hampshire

CA/1/20122UCAC: 32 High Street, Herne Bay, C16 SLH Demolition of existing portal framed building in conservation area.

CA/1/2101221/FUL: 32 High Street, Herne Bay, C16 SLH Demolition of existing portal framed building in conservation area.

CA/1/21021/FUL: 32 High Street, Herne Bay, C76 SLH Demolition of existing portal framed building (Use Class A1/B2) and replacement with eight residential apartments with associated communal space. Applicant: Mr R Hampshire Reason: Conservation area.

CA/1/2102126/ADV : 17B Burgate, Canterbury, C17 LHCR Replacement hanging sign, installation of two retractable awnings to front elevation and advert to side elevation. Applicant: G and S Investments Ltd Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/01228/FUL: Lower Hardres Fruit Farm, Long Orchard, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres Retention of building as constructed use as tea room (Class A3), provision of paved amenity area and extension of car park. Applicant: Lower Hardres Retention of building a Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/01234/FUL: 30 King Edward Street, Whitstable, CT5 1JU Replacement single-storey rear extension. Applicant: Mr Small

CA//12/01256/FUL: 63 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8JZ Single-storey rear extension. Applicant: Miss Y Dellaway

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CA//12/01282/FUL: 62 Hackington Road, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9NQ First-floor rear extension, Applicant: Mr and Mrs Daniels

CA/f12/01298/FUL: Stable Lodge, The Broadway, Petham, CT4 5RX Demolition of existing sheds and garage and construction of garage and garden building with office above. Applicant: Ms Preston Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before Monday 27 August 2012.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration Friday 3 August 2012

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

2/02093/HOUSE Cattsford Dingleden, Benenden Insertion of thermal insulation into roofs (LB) 12/02093/HOUSE

C Cattsford Dingleden, Benenden ing consent - Insertion of thermal insulation into roofs (LB) 12/02097/LBC

12/02010/FUL 2/02010/FUL Sheerdrop Cottage Penshurst Road, Bidborough
Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and barn and erection of 3 bed three storey house and

garage (LB)

12/02038/FUL Linnets The Hill, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst - Demolition of house and replacement dwelling (CA) (LB)

12/01770/HOUSE 22A Court Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- Change of use of the garage to a utility/store area, replacement of garage door with a
window/wall and extension of the drive to form additional car parking hard standing (CA)

12/02033/FUL Maypole Farm Maypole Lane, Goudhurst
- Minor material amendment to TW/10/02948 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling - changes proposed are to show corner balcony square in plan form are enclosed beneath (CA)

12/02053/FUL Gore Court North Road, Goudhurst
- Conversion of single dwelling into two dwellings (LB)

12/02072/FULMJ Land West Of Kirkins Close Gibbet Lane, Horsmonden
- Development of 15 no. Local Needs Affordable dwellings comprising 2 no. 1-bedroom flats, 2
no. 1-bedroom wheelchair bungalows, 6 no. 2- bedroom houses and 5 no. 3-bedroom house, including hard and soft landscaping - variation of condition 28 - vehicle parking space (including garages and pergolas) shall be provided, surfaced and drained before any building is occupied (TW/10/02630 refers) (MAJOR)

2/02048/HOUSE Pearsons Oast Pearsons Green Road, Paddock Wood Removal of porch roof and construction of single-storey rear extension (LB) 12/02048/HOUSE 12/02042/FUL

2/02042/FUL McColls 83 High Street, Pantiles & St Marks
Retrospective - Installation of an internally-illuminated automated teller machine (CA)

12/02082/LBC 17 - 19 Chapel Place Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks - Listed Building Consent: To retain external works in association with proposals under TWH/2/01140/LBC and TWH/2/01138/FUL Works to include new signage and external lighting, installation of CCTV cameras and intruder alarm, works already started (LB)

12/02039/HOUSE 20 Lansdowne Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
- Demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of single-storey rear extension;
Conversion of existing garage to habitable room with new bay window to front (CA)

12/02073/FUL 9 Calverley Park Crescent Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park - Change of use to single residential dwelling (CA) (LB)

12/01674/HOUSE 17 Woodside Road Rusthall, Rusthall - Single storey rear extension (CA

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LE) Affecting a Istated Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept omments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.govulk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Head of Planning Services Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 4 August 2012







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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND

CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested the council of the proposed developments relate to one or more of the catter.

The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

The proposed development may affect the Listed Building o

The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended applies.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 20 AUGUST 2012.

SW1/2/0227 & SW1/2/0228: Planning permission for moving the swimming pool, constructing the greenhouse and poolhouse and workshop, construction of a porch, changes to roof access and lift enclosure and roof of graenisertion of second floor window on east elevation; Listed Building consent for moving the swimming pool, constructing the greenhouse and poolhouse and workshop, construction of a porch, changes to roof access and lift enclosure, insertion of second floor window on east elevation, forming underfloor heating, installing a fire sprinkler system together with associated building works. Dockyard House, The Residential Quarter, Sheerness Dockyard, SHEERNESS; RFASONS 1, 2 & 3

Erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension, erection of a detached triple garage and use of agricultural land as garder and other ancillary works - Cheesemans House, LUDDENHAM

Land raising and polytunnel construction for horticulture production - Wey Street Farm, HERNHILL; REASON 3

SWI/120832: SWI/20832: Change of use of agricultural land to a mixed agricultural/equestrian use. Construction of stabling, tack room and fodder store. Construction of an all weather ménage - Land at Broomfield Barn, Uple

SW/1/2/0843:
Listed Building Consent for painted "Noon-mark" vertical sundial on the "south" face of Faversham Guildhall - white with black & gold borders and dial furniture. Metal "Nodus" on supporting "Gnomon" stalk, fixed to hearest window frame with small non-ferrous screws - The Guildhall, Market Place, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW1120949: Erection of two storey side extension to enhance existing accommodation and provide accommodation within roof void - 5 Travers Gardens, BREDGAR; REASONS 1 & 2

Frection of one 11kw wind turbine (measuring 18m to hub, 24.5m to tip, 13m diameter) on free-standing lattice mast; and concrete base measuring 5m x 5m - Norwood Farm, Landfill Site, Lower

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street

Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all document submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

The application is for a Major Development.

SW/12/0227 & SW/12/0228-

SW/12/0381 & SW/12/0382:

REASON 2

SW/12/0653:

SW/12/0949-

SW/12/0951:

base measuring 5m x 5m - Nor Road, MINSTER: REASON 6

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) **ORDER 2010**

KCC/SW/0222/2012 - Proposed development at Land at Kemsley Paper Mill, Kemsley, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2TD.

D S Smith & EON Energy from Waste Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the formation of an improved access road and associated development to serve Kemsley Sustainable Energy

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson Head of Planning Applications Group Kent County Council Dated: 5th August





THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0319/SH - 145 High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5JL Installation of new shopfront (retrospective application).

Y12/0693/SH# - Hazeldene Cottage George Lane New Romney Kent TN28 8BS - Crown reduction of a Yew and an Ash tree, both situated within a conservation area.

Situated within a conservation area.

712/0663/SH# - Romney Sands Holiday Village The Parade Greatstone Kent TN28 8RN - Section 73 application for the variation of condition 9 of planning permission Y03/1289/SH for the siting of 40 static holiday caravans following demolition of existing holiday chalets to allow extension of period caravans can be occupied by two months from between 1st March and 31st October (8 months) in any year to between 1st March and 3rd January (10 months) in any year.

Y12/0683/SH - Flat 1 12 Augusta Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2RR - Felling of a Larch tree situated within a conservation

/12/0650/SH - 5 Trinity Crescent Folkestone Kent CT20 2ES Change of use and conversion from hotel (Class C1) to 5 self-contained flats including external alterations.

Y12/0698/SH - 201 Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2HT Felling of two Conifer trees situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0684/SH+ - Pavement Outside 6 Tower Gardens Hythe Keni Felling of two Cherry trees situated within a conservation area followed by the planting of two replacement hawthorn trees.

Y12/0648/SH+ - Land Opposite The Field Rectory Lane Saltw Kent - Crown reduction of two Sweet Chestnut trees (T1 & T2) and crown reduction and crown lift of a third Sweet Chestnut (T4) all subject of Tree Preservation Order No 9 of 2010.

Y12/0682/SH+ - Land Opposite The Field Rectory Lane Saltwook Kent - Felling of a self set Sweet Chestnut tree (T3) situated within a conservation area.

Y11/0159/SH+ - 5 Station Road & 2 Tanners Hill Hythe Kent CT21 SPN - Erection of two detached three storey dwellings with upper floor set within roof space, integral garages to each house and formation of new access to Tanners Hill, following demolition of existing dwelling at 5 Station Road.

Y12/0691/SH+ - 29 North Road Hythe Kent CT21 5DT - Felling of an Alder tree situated within a conservation area followed by the planting of a replacement tree.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, Ne Romney
- Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online a http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning Shepway District Council



THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY (DYMCHURCH VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK) **ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL propose the above Order under section 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, having obtained the consent of Dymchurch Parish Council and Kent County Council in accordance with Section 39(3) of the Act, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act -

The effect of the Order is:

·To introduce charges to the village hall car park and ermit Shepway District Council to provide enfo

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined at the, District Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should send the If you wish to object to the physicsed order you should see and the grounds for your objection in writing to Shepway District Council (Parking Office), Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY by 5pm on Monday 27th August 2012.

If you have any questions concerning the Order or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Parking Office), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853240) during normal office hours.

A. Lague, Highways Engineer

On behalf of B. Porter, Head of Communities, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY

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PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Sale of Former Dunkirk Primary School, Dunkirk Faversham, Kent ("the Property")

This is a notice made by The Kent County Council ("the Council") under S.3 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 ("The 1987 Act").

The Council is the freehold owner of the Property, which it intends to sell.

The Council owns the Property pursuant to:

- a Conveyance dated 14th November 1887 made between Henry Woollright and The School Board for the Ville of Dunkirk; and
- a Deed of Grant dated 4 February 1845 made between Baron Sondes and the Incumbent and Churchwardens of Christ Church in the Ville of Dunkirk.

The Property is subject to rights of reverter, having been transferred to the Council's statutory predecessor for educational purposes under the School Sites Act 1841 ("the 1841 Act"). The Property therefore reverts to the original grantor's estate if it ceases to be used for the purposes for which it was transferred

The Council closed the school operating on the Property on 31 March 2008.

Under the 1841 and 1987 Acts, the Council now holds the Property on a statutory trust for the successors in title to Henry Woollright and Baron Sondes.

Anyone considering themselves to be a beneficiary under the statutory trust affecting the Property should inform the Council of their claim by writing to:

Catherine Lloyd Kent County Council Legal Services Sessions House Maidstone Kent County Council ME14 1XQ

before midnight on Thursday 6th December 2012

The Council intends to make an application to the Charity Commission pursuant to S.2 of the 1987 Act to extinguish the rights of any beneficiaries (being the successors in title of Henry Woollright and Baron Sondes) under the statutory trust and establish a scheme to apply the monies for such charitable purposes as the Charity Commissioners specify.

WARNING

Any person considering themselves a beneficiary under the statutory trust affecting the Property and wishing to oppose the extinguishment of their rights should notify the trustees of their claim in the manner and time specified in this notice.



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLANNING UNIT VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUPPORT IN A MAJOR EMERGENCY INVITATION TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN SUPPORTING KENT'S MAJOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The voluntary sector has an important role to play in any major emergency response, in particular, those incidents that cause evacuation due to flooding or other natural hazards. Indeed, Kent's voluntary sector organisations have a wealth of diverse talent and capability that could provide significant assistance during an emergency to the people of Kent and the emergency services.

Kent County Council undertakes an important role in coordinating the work of the voluntary sector, supporting their work through the Kent Resilience Forum's (KRF) Kent Voluntary Sector Emergency Group (KVSEG). To ensure that all voluntary sector organisations are given an opportunity to participate, we are formally inviting all voluntary sector organisations to submit a formal Expression of Interest, with a view to establishing a list of formally recognised organisations who wish to offer their services in this manner.

All voluntary sector organisations will be asked to provide information about their organisations so that we may assess each group's capabilities, with a view to establishing a formal register of organisations who wish to be considered as members of the KVSEG and participate in a major emergency response.

If your organisation wishes to be considered for inclusion on this register, please email emergency, planning@kent.gov.uk requesting an Expression of Interest form. Alternatively, you may request a form by calling 01622 221200, or write to the following address:

KVSEG

c/o Emergency Planning Kent County Council Invicta House Maidstone Kent MF1/o 1XX.



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Kent County Council Report of Local Government Ombudsman

The Local Government Ombudsman has issued two reports following her investigation of complaints against Kent County Council. The first complaint was about the transition from children to adult social care services and the failure to provide the option of a Direct Payment. The second complaint was about not providing a service user with choice when they were placed into residential care.

The Ombudsman found in both cases that there had been maladministration on the part of the council, and this has caused injustice to the complainants. Kent County Council has agreed to take action in both cases which the Ombudsman regards as providing satisfactory remedy for each complaint.

Copies of the reports will be available for public inspection during normal office hours at Sessions House, County Hall, County Road, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ for three weeks starting on 6th August 2012. Anyone is entitled to take copies of the reports or extracts from them.

Because maladministration was found the council must now consider the reports.



PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

Application for the Grant of a New Premises Licence I Sawan Bhandal hereby give notice that I have made an application to the Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 GIQ for the grant of a premises license in respect of the following licensable activities;

 The sale of alcohol by retail for consumption off the premises

une premises
In respect of the premises situated at 6, Loose Road,
Maidstone, Kent ME15 7TZ and to be known by the
sign of Big Bens. The application can be viewed at the
offices of the Licensing Authority, Maidstone Borough
Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone,
Kent ME15 6JQ between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.
Monday to Friday except public holidays)
www.maidstone.govuk

Interested parties and responsible authorities may make representation concerning this application in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later that 28th August May 2012.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW solicitors, 8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent. ME19 5QP Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SEXUAL ENTERTAINEMENT VENUE

ADDRESS OF PREMISES: PLAYERS, 7, New Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8TN

TAKE NOTICE that I JAMES ELLIOTT PEMBLE of PLAYERS, 7, New Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8TN hereby give notice that I have applied to the **Ashford Borough Council** under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to use the premises referred to above as a sexual entertainment venue.

REPRESENTATIONS

Any person who wishes to make representations about the application shouldmake them in writing and send them to the Head of Environmental Services, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL. Representations must be received by 21st August 2012.

Date 27th July 2012

Licensing Act 2003

Notice of Application for Premises Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I Mr Erdal Ucar have applied to London Borough of Islington for a Premises Licence in respect of the premises known as The Hill- Gallipoli, 101 Upper Street, London, N1 1QN as follows:

Late Night Refreshment

From 23:00 to 00:30 Monday to Sunday

Supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises:

From 10:00 to 00:00 Monday to Sunday

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to Licensing Service, Public Protection Division, Islington Council, 222 Upper Street, London, N1 1XR by 23 August 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by Licensing Service, Public Protection Division, Islington Council, 222 Upper Street, London, N1 1XR. The application can be viewed during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

Licensing Act 2003 Notice of application to vary a premises licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I Mr Mustafa Koc have applied to the London Borough of Hackney to vary a premises licence in respect of the premises known as Basak Supermarket, 70-74 Stoke Newington Road, London, N16 7XB to:

Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises:

From 04:30 to 08:00 Monday to Sunday

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to the Licensing Service, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London, E8 IDY by 23 August 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Service, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London, E8 1DY. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

Snodland Town Council
NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
SECTION 123(2A)

AREA OF LAND AT

Notice is hereby given that Snodland Town Council intends to dispose (leasehold disposa) of an area of land to Snodland Football Club - for the location of a Home Football Ground and Club House at Potyns Sports Ground (as identified on the plans which are available for inspection at Snodland Town Council offices at the address below) which consists of an open space. Objections to the intended disposal of land must be made in writing and addressed to:

Objections to the intended disposing withing and addressed to:
The Chairman
Snodland Town Council
Devonshire Rooms
Waghorn Road
Snodland ME6 SQR
By no later than 16 August 2012
Dated the 5 August 2012
Anne Moloney (Chairman)



LICENSING ACT 2003 Application for Amendment to Existing Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that Speldhurst Village Hall, St. Marys Lane, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0PR has applied to the Licensing Partnership, Sevenoaks, Kent for an amendment of the Existing Premises Licence. The existing licence covers: dancing and the performance of dance, the exhibition of films, making music and the

of dance, the exhibition of mins, making music and the performance of live music, the performance of fecorded music and the performance of plays. The current licence is between 10.00 am to midnight Monday to Saturday inclusive. The amendment is for the above to be licenced on Sundays between 10.00am and 11.00pm.

Any person wishing to submit representations in respect of the above application may do so in writing to the Licensing Partnership, PO Box 182, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1GP by Friday 31st August 2012.

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HIGHWAYS - KENT

VARIOUS ROADS, KENT (RESURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Kent, as

The Order will become effective on or after 20th August 2012 for up to 3 months, or until the works have beer completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below, in a Schedule listed ir alphabetical order of District.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site

ASHFORD

A28 CHART ROAD, ASHFORD - closed between Brookfield Road roundabout and Loudon Wa

22 - 24 October 2012 - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A28 Chart Road, Templer Way, Drovers Roundabout, A292 Maidstone Road, (also Chart Road in reverse). New Street, Forge Lane, West Street, Godinton Road, Elwick Road, A2042 Beaver Road, Victoria Road, Leacon Road and Brookfield Road.

A20 HYTHE ROAD ASHFORD - due to overnight resurfacing works on Hythe Road between 24 and 28 October 2012 (excluding Saturday) the following will apply

The approach road to Tesco, Willesborough will be closed overnight on Sunday 28 October between 7.30 pm until 5.00 am

The Street, Willesborough - the One-way Traffic Order will be suspended between the junctions with Hinxhill Road and A20 Hythe Road, when indicated on site.

Alternative route via A2070 Kennington Road. Willesborough Interchange and A20 Hythe Road.

The works themselves are between Junction 10 Willesborough Interchange and Summer Hill

CANTERBURY

A257 LITTLEBOURNE ROAD, CANTERBURY - closed between the junction with Warwick Road and the St Martin's Hospital Entrance

28 August 2012 - overnight between 8.00 pm until

Alternative route via A257 Littlebourne Road, Canterbury Road, The Hill, High Street, Canterbury Road, B2046 Adisham Road, Old Dover Road, A2 Dover Road, A2050 New Dover Road, A257 Lower Chantry Lane, Longport and St. Martin's Hill.

'PRIEST AND SOW CORNER' TANKERTON, WHITSTABLE

Bennells Avenue, Herne Bay Road, St Swithin's Road and Tankerton Road - The 4 roads making up the one-way system will be closed in 2 phases, between 17 - 22 October 2012 (excluding the weekend)

When Herne Bay Road and Bennells Avenue are closed, the alternative route is via Tankerton Road and St. Swithin's Road

When St Swithin's Road and Tankerton Road are closed, the alternative route is via Herne Bay Road and Bennells Avenue.

Side roads will be closed at their junctions with the above roads at certain stages, with local diversions in place.

DARTFORD

A206 BOB DUNN WAY, DARTFORD - closed between Joyce Green Roundahout and Marsh Street Roundahout

6 - 25 September 2012 (excluding weekends) - 7.00 pm

Alternative route via A2026 Burnham Road, Victoria road, Hythe Street, Home Gardens, Overy Liberty, East Hill, A226 The Brent, A226 London Road and A206 Crossways Boulevard.

B260 GREEN STREET GREEN ROAD / MAIN ROAD LONGFIELD - closed between Canada Farm Road and

10 - 13 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via B255 Whitehill Road, Westwood Road, B262 Station Road, A2 Watling Street, A296 Princes Road, B260 Green Street Green Road, Trolling Down Hill and Green Street Green Road

HEATH LANE UPPER & HEATH LANE LOWER, DARTFORD closed at their junctions with B2174 Princes Road - to allow contra-flow traffic on Princes Road.

12 - 17 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative routes

Upper Closure: Heath Lane Upper, Highfield Road South and B2174 Princes Road.

Lower Closure: Heath Lane Lower, Oakfield Lane, A2018 Old Bexley Lane and B2174 Princes Road

A256 WHITFIELD / EASTRY BYPASS, EASTRY, DOVER

The Roundabout at the junction with Dover Road, Eastry and Cater Road will be closed in 2 phases.

24 August and 28 - 30 August 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30

Alternative route via A256 Eastry Bypass, Sandwich Road, A258 Deal Road, Sandwich Road, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street, Beach Street, Deal Castle Road, (Victoria Road and Ranelagh Road in reverse) The Strand, Dover Road, A2 Trunk Road, and A256 Whitfield

A256 WHITFIELD BYPASS, TILMANSTONE, DOVER

The Roundabout at the junction with Barville Road and Boys Hill will be closed in 2 phases.

31 August 2012 - 5 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 n (excluding the weekend)

Alternative route via A256 Eastry Bypass, Sandwich Road, A258 Deal Road, Sandwich Road, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street, Beach Street, Deal Castle Road, (Victoria Road and Ranelagh Road in reverse) The Strand, Dover Road, A2 Trunk Road, and A256 Whitfield Bypass.

A256 WHITFIELD HILL, DOVER - closed for its entire length 24 September 2012 - 8 October 2012 (excluding

weekends) - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A256 London Road (River), Crabble Hill, Whitfield Avenue, (Brookfield Avenue, Buckland Avenue, Cherry Tree Avenue,

London Road and Bunkers Hill in reverse) Green Lane. Melbourne Avenue, Honeywood Parkway, Honeywood Road.

A256 SANDWICH BYPASS, SANDWICH - North Poulders Roundabout and approaches (Junction with the A257 Sandwich Road / Ash Road) will be closed in phases.

8 - 12 October 2012 - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route for all through traffic via B2046 Adisham Road, A2 Trunk Road, A256 Whitfield By-pass, Eastry By-pass and Sandwich Road.

Roundabout and Sandwich Road approach

Alternative route for local traffic via A257 Sandwich Road, Marshborough Road, Foxborough Hill, Woodnesborough Lane, Poison Cross, Sandwich Road, A256 Sandwich Road and A256 Sandwich Bypass.

Roundabout and The Causeway approach

Alternative route via The Causeway, Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, (and Harnet Street in reverse), New Street, Dover Road, Deal Road, A258 Deal Road and A256 Sandwich Bypass.

A256 / B2011 YORK STREET, DOVER (Roundabout only) The roundabout at the junction between York Street and Folkestone Road will be closed in 2 phases

12 - 15 October 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 8.00 pm

Alternative routes

Eastern Section: via Priory Road, Ladywell, Park Place. Park Street, Maison Dieu Road, Woolcomber Street, Townwall Street, York Street roundabout and York Street.

Western section: via Folkestone Road, Elms Vale Road, Eaton Road, Astor Avenue, Tower Street, Tower Hamlets Road Bridge Street Frith Road Connaught Road Castle Hill Road, Woolcoomber Street and Townwall Street

Worthington Street, Dover - the one way Traffic Order will be reversed between Biggin Street and York Street, during the closure of the eastern half of the roundabout

Biggin Street, Dover - the one way Traffic Order will be suspended between Pencester Road and Edwards Road during the closure of eastern half of the roundabout.

PENCESTER ROAD, DOVER - closed for its entire length

16 - 22 October 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via Maison Dieu Road, Woolcoomber Street, Townwall Street and York Street.

GRAVESHAN

A226 OVERCLIFFE, NORTHFLEET - closed between St. James's Street and Bath Street.

28 August 2012 - 4 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via A226 Bath Street, West Street and Thames Way.

A226 SPRINGHEAD ROAD ROUNDABOUT, NORTHFLEET

The roundabout and all approaches to roundabout - A226 Thames Way, A2260 Springhead Road (up to 50 metres from the roundabout)

12 - 17 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A2260 Springhead Road, Hall Road, Perry Street, B261 Dover Road, A226 Thames Way and B2175 London Road

B2175 LONDON ROAD, NORTHFLEET - closed between Rural Vale and St Mark's Avenue.

17 - 20 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm Alternative route via A226 Thames Way, B2175

Stonebridge Way and B2175 The Hill. HALL ROAD ROUNDABOUT, NORTHFLEET - Close roundabout and all approaches to it - A2260 Springhead Road, Hall Road and B262 Hall Road Overbridge will be closed in phases.

20 - 28 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) -10.30 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A2 Watling Street, A227 Wrotham Road, Coldharbour Road, Perry Street, B261 Dover Road and A226 Thames Way

VALLEY DRIVE, GRAVESEND - closed between Whitehill Lane and Valley Drive Roundabout (Lorry Park Entrance)

27 September - 8 October 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Hever Court Road, Singlewell Road, B261 Old Road East and Valley Drive

MAIDSTONE

B2163 LOWER STREET, LEEDS - closed between Ashford Road Roundabout and Leeds Road

23 August 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Leeds Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Ashford Road.

B2163 PENFOLD HILL, LEEDS - closed between Ashford Road Roundabout and Leeds Road

24 August 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Leeds Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Ashford Road.

B2162 HAMPSTEAD LANE, YALDING - closed from the railway bridge north-eastwards for approximately 100

Alternative route via Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Boyle Way, Branbridges Road, Beltring Road, Gravelly

B2163 HEATH ROAD, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA - closed between A274 Sutton Road and A229 Linton Road

4 & 5 September 2012 - 7.00 pm to midnight Alternative route via Linton Road, Loose Road and

B2010 SMITHS HILL, MAIDSTONE - closed between Hunt Street and Ewell Lane

Alternative route via Smiths Hill, Yalding Hill, High Street, Lees Road, Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Bow Road, Tonbridge Road and Teston Lane

B2012 STACEYS STREET, MAIDSTONE - closed at approach to Roundabout

Alternative route via Staceys Street, Chatham Road, Sandling Road and Boxley Road

SEVENOAKS

A224 LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS - closed between

17 - 20 September 2012 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Alternative route via A224 London Road, Amherst Hill, London Road, A25 Bradbourne Vale Road, A225 St. John's Hill, Dartford Road, Pembroke Road and A224

A224 LONDON ROAD, DUNTON GREEN - closed between

A224 Morants Court Road and Barrett's Road

Alternative route via A224 London Road, A25 Worships Hill, Main Road, B2211 Chevening Road, Ovenden Road, Sundridge Road and A224 Morants Court Road

SWALE

B2005 GROVEHURST ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - closed at

17 - 20 September 2012 - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am

Sunday 11 November 2012 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

A2 ST. MICHAEL'S ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - Closed at the East Street roundabout exit into St. Michael's Road

Sunday 18 November 2012 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Alternative route via East Street and Crown Quay Lane

THANET

Princess Margaret Avenue to and including Tesco Roundabout

26 - 28 September 2012 - *3 nights*, 10.00 pm to 5.00 am

Alternative route via High Street, Newington Road, High Street St. Lawrence, Nethercourt Hill, Canterbury Road East and Haine Road.

ROYAL PARADE, LEOPOLD STREET and MADERIA WALK,

- closed between Oueen Street and Albion Place

28th September 2012 - 11th October 2012 8.00 pm

until 5.00 am (excluding Fridays and weekends) Alternative route via Queen Street, West Cliff Road. London Road, Nethercourt Hill, High Street St. Lawrence, Park Road, Boundary Road, Victoria Road and Wellington Crescent.

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

A228 HOLBOROUGH ROAD, SNODLAND - closed between Constitution Hill and A228 Snodland By-pass

Monday 29 October to Wednesday 14h November 2012

Alternative route via Malling Road, A228 Ham Hill Roundabout and A228 Snodland By-pass

MALLING ROAD, SNODLAND - closed between A228 Snodland Bypass and Hollow Lane

Monday 29 October to Wednesday 14 November 2012 7.00 pm until 5.00 am.

Alternative route via Malling Road, Holborough Road, A228 Snodland Bypass, Ladds Lane Roundabout, A228 Snodland Bypass and Ham Hill Roundabout.

A228 Snodland By-Pass (Southbound), Snodland there will be No Right Turn into Holborough Road, Snodland

Alternative route via A228 Snodland By-pass, Ham Hill Roundabout and Malling Road

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

B2100 TOWN HILL, LAMBERHURST - closed between Furnace Lane and The Broadway

20 - 25 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.00 pm, between Spray Hill and Pearce Place, then 8.30 am to 5.00 pm once past Pearce Place.

Alternative route via Spray Hill and The Down

B2017 TUDELEY ROAD (Five Oak Green Road, Tudely Lane) TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed at the junction with Postern Lane, with no through access between between Somer Hill and Hartlake Road

31 October - 2 November 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm Alternative route via Woodgate Way, Pembury Road, Hastings Road, Pembury Northern Bypass, Maidstone Road, Badsell Road and Five Oak Green Road.

A264 MOUNT EPHRAIM, TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed between Royal Wells Hotel and A26 London Road

2. 5 & 6 November 2012 (NB excluding the weekend) -7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via London Road, Church Road and Mount Ephraim

A264 CRESCENT ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed between Calverley Road and Calverley Park

6 & 7 November 2012 - 7.00 pm until midnight Alternative route via Calverley Road, Monson Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Crescent Road.

CALVERLEY ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed between Calverley Street and Crescent Road 8 & 9 November 2012 - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via Crescent Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Monson Road. **Garden Street, Tunbridge Wells** - the One-way Traffic Order will be suspended for its entire length.

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA **ROCK HILL ROAD, EGERTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**

TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC

(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 Because of works to replace a culvert, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rock Hill Road, Egerton, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the track to the south of Rock Hill Bungalow and Bourn Field Farm, with no access for through traffic between the junctions with Stone Hill Road and New Road.

The alternative route is via New Road, Egerton Road, Smarden Road, The Pinnock and Munday Bois Lane, Please note the works will now take up to one week

longer than initially publicised.

A252 MAIDSTONE ROAD, CHILHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC

(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 Because of carriageway patching and lining works and

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3 & 4 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Ways and Leeds Road.

Sutton Road

5 - 7 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

5 - 7 September 2012 - 8.00 pm to midnight

Oak Hill Road and The Drive

London Road.

29 - 31 October 2012 - 9.00 pm until 5.00 am

the approach to Swale Way Roundabout

Alternative route via Saffron Way, Mill Way, St. Paul's Street, Staplehurst Road, A249 and Grovehurst Road. B2205 GROVEHURST ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - closed between North Street to Newman Drive Roundabout

Alternative route via Saffron Way, Mill Way, St. Paul's Street, Staplehurst Road, A249 and Grovehurst Road.

B2050 MANSTON ROAD, RAMSGATE - closed from

1 - 5 October 2012 - *5 days*, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

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road stud renewal, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A252 Maidstone Road, Chilham, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 4 nights, between 8.00 pm and 5.00 am.

The road will be closed to the east of Molash, in the vicinity of Park Wood.

There will be no access for through traffic on the A252 between Challock and Chilham during these works.

The alternative route is via A251 Buck Street, Faversham Road, A2042 Faversham Road, A28 Canterbury Road, Ashford Road and A252 Maidstone Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Ashford.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

John Burr, Director Kent Highways County Hall, Maidstone, Kent

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

CHESTFIELD ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chestfield Road, Whitstable, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the A2990 Chestfield Roundabout, for a distance of approximately 20 metres southwards.

There will be no access for through traffic between Canterbury and Whitstable, using this route.

The alternative route is via, A290 Clapham Hill, Pean Hill, Honey Hill, Blean Common, Blean Hill, Tile Kiln Hill, Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, Whitstable Road, Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road and St Stephen's Hill.

Local access to Chestfield via A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Millstrood Road and South Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF CANTERBURY) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the District of Canterbury.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - DARTFORD AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO. 11) ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Sections 1, 2, 4

and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984: The effect of the Order is to introduce No waiting at any time (double yellow line) restrictions on the following

 On the north-west side from its junction with Burnham Road in a north-easterly direction to the eastern extremity of the road.

lengths of Sandpit Road:

- (ii) On the south-east side from its junction with Burnham Road in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 61 metres
- (iii) On the south-east side from a point in line with the north-eastern flank wall of Unit 1 Swann Business Park in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 45 metres
- (iv) On the south-east side from a point 3m north east of the boundary between Units 11 and 12 Swan Business Park in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 41 metres

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for making the Order, may be examined between 8.30am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays at Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent DA1 1DR and at Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF DARTFORD)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Dartford.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

INGLETON WOOD ROAD, RIVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow works access to phone cables in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ingleton Wood Road, River, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day.

The road will be closed to the west (Hougham) side of the junction with Minnis Lane.

The alternative route is via Hogbrook Hill Lane, Alkham Valley Road, Alkham Road (note 11' 5" (3.5 M) height restriction) and Lower Road, plus Lewisham Road, Crabble Road, London Road (River), London Road (Temple Ewell) at the beginning, in reverse.

WEST STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on West Street, Deal, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 6 months, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Stanhope Road and Western Road.

The alternative route is via A258 Queen Street, Albert Road and Western Road.

Local diversions will also be in place as the works progress, as signposted on site.

The lengths of the various phases are subject to weather and ground conditions. The exact dates will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF DOVER) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the District of Dover.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESHAM AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF GRAVESHAM) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1084

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Gravesham.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

BEECHEN BANK ROAD AND BOXLEY ROAD, BOXLEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to change the speed limit to 40mph, signing, carriageway surfacing and lining, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beechen Bank Road and Boxley Road, Boxley, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Woodlands to Walderslade

The alternative route is via Walderslade Woods, Fostington Way, Robin Hood Lane (lower).

BETSHAM ROAD, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Betsham Road, Maidstone, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed its whole length.
The alternative route is via Woolley Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A249 DETLING HILL/SITTINGBOURNE ROAD AT DETLING/THURNHAM) (TEMPORARY 50MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed greater than somph on the northbound carriageway of Detling Hill/Sittingbourne Road between the existing permanent 50mph speed restriction 407 metres north east of its junction with Scragged Oak Road to the Detling Aerodrome Approach Road

The order shall come into operation at times when required as indicated by signage on site on 25th/26th/27th August 2012.

CARING LANE, THURNHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Caring Lane, Thurnham, on or after 20th August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of A20 Ashford Road and Caring Road.

The alternative route is via Caring Road, Otham Lane, A20 Ashford Road.

CLAPPER LANE, STAPLEHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clapper Lane, Staplehurst, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from outside "Critoph" to "Roston" Farm

The alternative route is via Marden Road, Station Road, A229 Maidstone Road.

FAIRBOURNE LANE, HARRIETSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to lay a new high voltage cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Fairbourne Lane, Harrietsham, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Fairbourne Mill and Bramble Cottage.

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, East Street, Sandway Road, Headcorn Road, Lenham Road.

FARLEIGH LANE AND NEW CUT, EAST FARLEIGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of repairs to East Farleigh Bridge and a retaining wall, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Farleigh Lane and New Cut, East Farleigh, on or after 24 August 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at East Farleigh Bridge on Farleigh Lane and from The Corner House to Rockwell Farm on New Cut.

The alternative route for Farleigh Lane is via Station Road, B2010 Lower Road, B2163 Teston Lane, A26 Tonbridge Road and for New Cut is via Dean Street, Workhouse Lane, Stockett Lane.

FIVE ASH LANE, STAPLEHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Five Ash Lane, Staplehurst, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from junction with Pagehurst

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with from junction with Pagehurst Road to Five

The alternative route is via Five Ash Lane, Pagehurst Road, Wilden Park Road, Five Oak Lane.

B2010 LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new telegraph pole, Kent County Council intends to make an Ord prohibiting through traffic on Lower Road, East Farleigh, on or after 22 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from the iunction of Charlton Lane to Gallant Lane.

The alternative route is via Charlton Lane B2163 Ewell Lane/Heath Road and Dean Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MARIGOLD WAY, MAIDSTONE) (ONE WAY)

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:

The effect of the proposed Order will prohibit any vehicle to proceed in a direction other than specified in

Marigold Way	east to	That length of Marigold Way which extends from the eastern
	west	flank wall of Yalding House for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MARIGOLD WAY, MAIDSTONE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) **ORDER 2012**

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 44, 46, 49 and 59 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce waiting restrictions and street parking places on the following road or lengths of road;

Schedule (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places)

(Watering Restrictions and Street Farking Flaces)					
Road	Parish/Town	Length of Restriction			
Marigold Way - junction with Tarragon Road	Maidstone	Eastern side - that length of Marigold Way which extends from a point 19 metres north of its junction with Tarragon Road to a point 11 metres south of its junction with Tarragon Road.			
Tarragon Road	Maidstone	That length of Tarragon Road which extends both sides from a point 6 metres east of its junction with Marigold Way to its junction with Marigold Way.			
Marigold Way - junction with Tarragon Road	Maidstone	Western side - that length of Marigold Way which extends from a point 10 metres northwest of its junction with Tarragon Road to a point 11 metres south of its junction with Tarragon Road.			
Marigold Way - adjacent to Yalding House	Maidstone	Western side - that length of Marigold Way which extends from a point 12 metres north of its junction with the Marigold Way 'No Entry' restriction to a point 4 metres west of the eastern flank wall of			

Full details are contained in the proposed Order which,

Yalding House

together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the offices of Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ during normal opening times.

Anyone wishing to support the new proposal or object to the proposed Order should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager,

Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 17th September 2012.

John Burr, Director Kent Highways Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone

MILL LANE, WEST STREET, HUNTON HILL, UPPER HUNTON HILL, HUNTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council because of Langeway patering, sent county Count has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill Lane, West Street, Hunton Hill, Upper Hunton Hill, Hunton, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The roads will be closed between Benover Road and B2163 Heath Road.

The alternative route is via B2163 Heath Road, Ewell Lane, B2010 Smith's Hill/Yalding Hill/High Street B2162 Benover Road.

OAKWOOD ROAD, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 Because it is necessary to resurface the junction and construct a pedestrian island, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Oakwood Road, Maidstone, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 12 days or until the works have been

The road will be closed at the junction with Tonbridge Road.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Bower Mount Road, Oakwood Road

WARREN STREET, LENHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

completed.

Because of drainage improvement works. Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Warren Street, Lenham, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Payden Street and Waterditch Lane.

The alternative route is via Waterditch Lane. Coldharbour Lane, Bunce Court Road

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Maidst

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A20 SEVENOAKS)

(24 HOUR CLEARWAY) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 4 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all the other enabling powers, has made an order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order the Clearway on the detrunked A20 which lies in County of Kent.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME1/, 1XO or at our Highway Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford,

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John Burr,Director Kent Highways County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ

FAWKHAM ROAD, FAWKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to enabling BT safe access for pole replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Fawkham Road, Fawkham, on or after 8 August 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Downland for a distance

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Castle Hill, Fawkham and Main Road, Longfield.

The alternative route is via via B260, Ash Road, Ash Lane, A20, Fawkham Road, Brands Hatch Road, Valley Road, Fawkham Road.

HALL HILL, SEAL, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hall Hill, Seal, Sevenoaks, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Red Lane to Park Lane

There will be no access for through traffic between the iunctions from Red Lane to Park Lane.

The alternative route is via approaching from the west. diversion is west along Grove Road, then south along Park Lane, east along Bitchett Green Road and finally west along Stone Street Road and Hall Hill. The traffic approaching from the east is the same but reversed..

HARTFIELD ROAD (TEMPORARY 30MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to reducing the speed limit to 30mph to facilitate watermains replacement works , Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic travelling a greater speed than 30mph on Hartfield Road, from the junction of Spode Lane to outsdie Kent Water Cottages after 6th August 2012 for up to 4 months or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed From the junction of Spode Lane to outside Kent Water Cottages

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS AND TONBRIDGE & MALLING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)

TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC

(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council
Has Made an Order prohibiting the use by through
traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on 6th August 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name: Shipbourne Road, Sevenoaks Extent: Underriver House Road to Ridings Lane Start: 6th August 2012 End: 9th August Diversion: Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Vines Lane, Ridings Lane vice versa

Road Name: Ridings Lane, Hildenborough Hildenborough Road to Wilderness Plantation Dates: Start: 22nd August 2012 End: 27th

August 2012 Hildenborough Road, Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Vines Lane, Ridings Lane Diversion:

vice versa Road Name Carters Hill, Sevenoaks Extent: Underriver House Road to Mill Lane Start: 3rd September 2012 End: 28th Dates:

September 2012 Carters Hill, Underriver House Road, Mill Diversion: Lane, Carters Hill vice versa

Road Name: Underriver House Road, Sevenoaks Extent: Hildenborough Road to Rooks Hill Start: 1st October 2012 End: 12th Dates:

October 2012 Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Carters Hill, Underriver House Road vice versa

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new water main and the works are to be undertaken by South East Water. For further information or comment please call Gerald Dale on 01322 394414.

JOHN BURR, Director of Highways, Kent County Council County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2XQ

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in NOTICE IS nereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the District of Sevenoaks.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME1/, 1XO or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford,

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HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

In the District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS) CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO 4) **ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under raffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of the Order will be to revoke the One-Way Streets Traffic Regulation Order that applies to Tram Road, and restore the road to a two-way flow for its entire length. This is to facilitate traffic flow and reduce town centre congestion.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY during normal

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



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Order you should send the grounds in writing to Traffic Schemes Team,, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD

or by email to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 27 August 2012.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the District of Shepway.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN18 A8D

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF SWALE) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Swale.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TNA 8AB

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HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

BALLIOL ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide an electricity supply to a new development, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Balliol Road,

Order prohibiting through traffic on Balliol Road, Broadstairs, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 4 days,

The road will be closed to the west of the juntion with Old Green Road.

The alternative route is via Beacon Road and Reading

A255 NETHERCOURT HILL, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

or until the works have been completed.

To prevent traffic congestion during gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting waiting on A255 Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, as shown below

Waiting will be prohibited at all times on any sections of Nethercourt Hill that are currently unrestricted.

These restrictions will only be imposed if needed, and will then be indicated by no waiting cones or by double yellow lines on the sections of road affected.

This Order takes effect on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 6 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

STIRLING WAY, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to repair carriageway potholes, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stirling Way, Ramsgate or after 20 August 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm.

The closure will be in 2 phases, as shown below.

From 20 August 2012 for up to 3 days, the road will be closed between 51 John's Avenue and Rockstone Way. From 23 August 2012 for up to 2 days, the road will be closed from Rockstone Way to Newington Road

The alternative route for through traffic is via St John's Avenue, The Centre, Bush Avenue and Newington Road. The adjoining roads will be closed at their junction with Stirling Way as the works progress, but will remain open from their other junctions.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF THANET) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed

limits affecting roads in the District of Thanet.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMP LANE PLATT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

Because of a New BT duct installation, Kent County Council intends to make an order an Order prohibiting through traffic on Comp Lane, Platt on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Long Mill Lane and Beechin Wood Lane.

The alternative route is via Beechin Wood Lane and Long Mill Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Tonbridge & Malling.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within

the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

FRITTENDEN ROAD, FRITTENDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Frittenden Road, Frittenden, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from London Lane to East Lodge. The alternative route is via Cranbrook Road, Headcorn Road, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden Road, A229 Cranbrook Road, Rocks Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

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John Burr Director Kent Highways Invicta House County Hall, Maidstone Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 5th August 2012

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THE **INTERVIEW**

Jules Coomber

Clued up on Sherlock

Nick Ames speaks to the group of internet sleuths who decided to sniff out the facts behind an internationally-popular television show

BC TV's Sherlock, starring Benedict Cumberbatch as the Baker Street sleuth and Martin Freeman as Dr Watson, has been one of the major broadcasting success stories of recent years – and its stars are in the running for an Emmy Award in the US.

Bringing the classic characters created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle into the 21st century, the show was created by Dr Who team Mark Gatiss and Stephen Moffat.

It has been nominated for a huge number of awards and sold to 180 countries, and even the show's stars and creators were stunned at the level of debate in newsprint and online about plotlines and characters – especially a cliff-hanger ending which saw Holmes surviving a roof-top plunge before watching a distraught Watson at his graveside.

On Sunday, September 23, in Los Angeles, Sherlock will contest 13 separate Emmy categories, with Cumberbatch and Freeman up for outstanding lead and supporting actor in a mini series, respectively.

Along with a nomination in the outstanding mini series or movie category, Sherlock is also recognised for its costuming, writing, directing, casting, cinematography, editing, music, sound-mixing, sound-editing, art direction and cinematography. But its not just the show itself that is being lauded.

Kent-based website Sherlockology, run by Jules Coomber, from Whitstable, David Mather, from Faversham, and Emma Grigg and Leif Harstad, both from Swanley, is dedicated to the series. And it has just been given a Shorty Award – the internet's equivalent to the Oscars – at a presentation in New York.

The site receives more than a million hits a month; at any time of the day some 50 people are viewing and it has a fan base of more than 100,000 people worldwide.

Coomber explained how the idea for the website came about: "London may be the silent character in Sherlock, but the idea of creating a



website for the series came about during a trip we took to Rome in April 2011. While we were there, we noticed tourist trips to locations for the film Angels And Demons.

"Sherlock films in some really iconic areas of London, so when we returned home we had a look to see if there was any information online.

"We discovered there was very little on the series. So we set about creating our own hub of information, from locations to other behind-the-scenes content such as props and wardrobe, cast and crew information, details of the characters and episodes, and also a means of offering news.

"Sherlockology's success goes hand in hand with the programme's popularity. Sherlock isn't just a TV show – it's an experience. You feel experiences rather than just watching them.

"After you have taken the journey on-screen alongside John Watson and Sherlock Holmes, you can share your love and interest in the show with a massively-engaged family of fans online. We opened social-media accounts on

Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr and YouTube and it just grew from there."

Humour is an important part of the show, which never falls into the trap of taking itself too seriously, despite its clever plots, brilliant action, sharp dialogue and fast-paced direction.

The affection for the original works from the writers is obvious, with many in-jokes referencing characters, story titles and situations.

From Watson being a blogger, rather than writing for a magazine, to Holmes's network of homeless informers rather than street urchins, the writers show genuine respect for their Victorian-era source. However, when Moffat was asked where would he go if he had a Tardis, he replied: "Maybe I would take some Sherlock DVDs back to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and see what he thinks. He'd probably punch me."

Coomber said she felt a combination of factors led to the success of the series.

"It's what happens when you have the combination of genius writing, a talented cast



SHERLOCKOLOGY: Jules Coomber, one of the site's founders, with the violin used in the TV show starring Martin Freeman and Benedict Cumberbatch as Watson and Holmes

and fantastic crew. Co-creators Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss are both huge fans of [the original] Sherlock Holmes and have made Sherlock fresh and exciting for a 21st-century audience while remaining faithful to the canon, not to mention it's funny in parts, heartbreaking in others and, of course, very clever."

Although not officially endorsed by the BBC, the website has close links with the corporation, even supplying features for the Radio Times.

Its creators have met up with many of the people connected with the series.

Coomber said: "Not working in the television or film industry, it has given us an insight as to not only the process of how these things are made, like when we watched a little of Sherlock series two being filmed in London. Despite all this, we'd be lying if we said we didn't still get a little star-struck."

Sherlockology has put together a book of new stories sold in aid of the campaign to preserve Conan Doyle's former home, Undershaw, in Surrey. It is available from the website and has a cover image of Peter Cushing as Holmes.

"He was from Whitstable and it was a pleasure to use his picture," said Coomber But the big question is: does Sherlockology know how its hero survived?

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Yes! A restaurant that can do Mexican as well as I do

S someone who is passionate about cooking Mexican food, I am always wary of trying new restaurants of that genre for fear of being bitterly disappointed. But my trip to Zapatas in

Tunbridge Wells has managed to restore my faith in the experience of eating out.

Set in The Pantiles, Zapatas is a lively, vibrant place, decorated head to toe in bright colours, with exotic paintings splashed over the terracotta walls. I immediately felt like I had been transported right to the heart of Mexico.

Unfortunately, the music in the background didn't follow through with the theme—five-year-old pop songs with the bass so loud you couldn't make out the words. It wasn't too pleasant with our dinner.

However, Zapatas was obviously the place to be on a Saturday night as it was filled with groups and families, as well as young people enjoying the extensive list of cocktails at the bar.

After a slight delay with our drinks, for which the waiter apologised profusely, we ordered.

I opted for pinchos de gambas to start – five tiger prawns with chorizo, peppers, salad and mango salsa.

The prawns were gorgeous – large and

RESTAURANT **REVIEW**



bursting with flavour – but for $\pounds 7.25$ I expected a bit more to the salad than just a couple of lettuce leaves.

My guest chose bean soup, a bargain at $\pounds 4.75$ and probably our favourite dish of the night – a mix of beans and chorizo topped with soured cream and Monterrey Jack cheese.

An amusing moment came when we asked the waiter what the exact ingredients were, to which he replied "Er... it is soup".

For our main, we chose a double portion of chicken and sirloin steak fajitas, which were

accompanied by guacamole, sour cream and salad for $\pounds 27$.

Usually, Mexican restaurants scrimp on the tortillas, but we had plenty left over. The meat was cooked to perfection and had picked up the right amount of flavouring from the peppers, onions and mushrooms which came with it, but it could have done with a touch more spice for my taste.

For dessert I opted for banoffee pie with cream and my guest chose three scoops of sorbet – two mango, one blood orange.

The sorbet was superb and the homemade banoffee pie also hit all the right notes.

The dishes were presented wonderfully and, despite the place being packed out, the attention to detail was obvious and the service speedy.

The bill came to £56.20, and overall Zapatas has succeeded in changing my mind about Mexican restaurants. I would thoroughly recommend dining there, but personally I would probably choose a quieter weekday next time.

Chrissie Daniels

Zapatas 1-3 Union Square, The Pantiles Tunbridge Wells TN4 8HE Telephone 01892 513950

Far East fusion could be the key to interest

THAI restauranteur Chutima Blakley has chosen Ashford as the setting for a new concept for Thai dining.

The fusion of authentic Thai food with the Continental café and patisserie should make for an interesting combination in the town.

Newly opened, the Lemongrass Thai fusion café and restaurant replaces the former Zarin restaurant after 29 years of trading at 31 Bank Street.

Chutima, who has lived in the UK for 30 years, opened the Lemongrass Thai restaurant in Tunbridge Wells in September 2011, followed by a Thai supermarket next door in March 2012.

Five-star approach for a venue of the world

NEW restaurant Five World Kitchen has opened in Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells.

The new eatery boasts an international banquet and bar area, a buffet dinning restaurant and an à la carte menu offering a variety of global cuisine, plus the trendy live cooking area where visitors can watch the skilled chefs at work.

Dinner is served from 5pm-10pm every evening and, having opened just two weeks ago, the restaurant is offering a 20 per cent reduction in prices.

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Rolling back the years

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FOLLOWING a hugely successful nine-date major-venue tour earlier in the year, legendary 70s pop band 10cc have announced their 40th anniversary tour will be heading to Kent.

The tour starts on Thursday, October 11, at Canterbury's Marlowe. Having sold more than 15 million albums in the UK and 30 million worldwide, 10cc are celebrating an incredible four decades years in the music business.

The group had 11 Top 10 UK singles to their name, including hits I'm Not In Love (1975) and Dreadlock Holiday (1978).

The current line-up, together now for a decade, features Graham Gouldman, Rick Fenn, Paul Burgess, Mick Wilson and Mike Stevens.

Mazing grace Pick this place for a puzzle

Penshurst Place, near Tonbridge

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FOR the first time, Penshurst Place will this year have a maze attraction for visitors to enjoy during the school summer holidays.

But get this - the maze is

made out of, well, maize. And it's sure to provide hours of eco-fun for the family.

The new attraction has been designed by Mazescape and will be open at Penshurst until mid-September, depending, as ever, on the weather conditions.

The maze will be free to visit for full-paying garden-ticketholders and Penshurst Place season-ticket-holders.

For voucher and other cardholders there will be a small extra charge of £2 per adult, £1 per child, per visit to take on the winding, life-size puzzle.



Benedict does his star turn

Is it a dream?

The Orchard, Dartford

Friday, November 23 01322 282053 www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

FORMER schoolteacherturned-male stripper Benedict Garrett is to perform at The Orchard Theatre in Dartford as part of the male glamour show The Dreamboys.

Garrett, who featured in this year's Big Brother, shot to fame when his story of being a secondary-schoolteacher while working as a male entertainer hit the UK media.

However, since this, his career has taken off and, as well as landing a spot in the BB house, he was signed up to perform as part of the male glamour show The Dreamboys.

The group have appeared on TV shows such as The X Factor, Britain's Got Talent. Celebrity Big Brother, Loose Women, This Morning and The Only Way Is Essex.

Boutique bash in the woods

Jacks Festival

White Chimney Woods, Benenden

Saturday, August 10 www.jacks-festival.co.uk

IN the middle of the countryside, an all-new boutique festival has been planned for White Chimney

The site, near Benenden, will be alive with music and entertainment as the Jacks Festival welcomes local and rising talent, along with some top DJ names

There will be live music all day and throughout the night - or why not kick back and relax in the Shisha Garden tent, recline in the sun-soaked paddocks while sipping on some locally-brewed cider, or just wait for the sun to go

In such beautiful surroundings, it is only right to give something back. So this year, Jacks will donate £1 from every ticket to the Hospice In The Weald charity.







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Folky folk feel a Power surge

Fest of fiddles

Deal Maritime Folk FestivalFri to Sun, September 14-16
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THE 16th Deal Maritime Folk Festival is once again promising to pack the town with music and dance.

The seaside town will showcase the varied traditions

of folk and world music, including a performance from the all-new Festival Folk Orchestra, spontaneously created at two pre-festival workshops with musicians of all abilities joining together.

Expect favourities such as the Offcumduns Mass Morris, pub concerts, Shanties@RNLI, Ceilidh dance, braderie buskers and smugglers' sessions.

Headlining the festival will be BBC Radio 2 folk-awardwinner Brendan Power, fiddle sensations Nick Wyke & Becki Driscoll and singer Ron Trueman-Border.

Raise a glass to the brews

Beer festival

CAMRA Beer Festival, East Malling Research Centre

Saturday, September 1 www.camra.org.uk/beerfestivals

FOLLOWING its successful reintroduction in 2010, CAMRA's popular beer festival will return for a third year to East Malling.

The world-famous horticultural-research station will be awash with fans of the brew and ciders.

The one-day event is being organised and staffed by volunteer members of the Maidstone and Mid-Kent Branch of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) and follows in the footsteps of similar events organised by the branch locally since the 1970s.

It is open between 11am and 8pm and admission costs £2 for card-carrying CAMRA members and £4 for nonmembers.

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Alvarado's show in Kent starts his season in the UK and Ireland; the tour will include performances at both Dublin's National Hall and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The Buenos Aires-born singer has won acclaim across the world for his tenor voice and charismatic stage presence.

Having clocked up 23 international tours in 10 years, Alvarado has become a cultural ambassador for Argentina's musical heritage.











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There will be dog agility shows, pig-racing and pig- washing, falconry displays, meetings with Toby the shire horse... and even animal fancy-dress!

Other attractions include a clown act, bushcraft skills, classes in vegetable art and a display of American cop cars.

The centre is owned by the Canterbury Oast Trust charity and is notable for its range of work with disabled charities. The Rare Breeds Centre is home to a range of animals including different types of alpacas, pigs, goats, sheep, horses, birds of prey and creepy-crawlies.

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Audi puts faith in an extra set of doors on its A1

Driving

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By Steve Loader

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LAND Rover's ageing Defender reminds me of the Citroën 2CV.

OK, the profiles aren't remotely similar and the Deux Chevaux – unusually effective off-road as it was – never tackled rough terrain like the Landie.

But both were icons that lasted beyond their realistic production life, except that Citroën never replaced the 2CV, while Land Rover (LR) has shown exciting successor concepts for the Defender – it seems the question is when, rather than if, we get a replacement.

For now, the old-stager continues and LR has even released a Defender XTech special edition (from £27,995) in military-style grey or bronze with contrasting black roof and wheel arches and 16-inch gloss black alloys with off-road tyres. Even in standard garb, though, the Defender

Even in standard garb, though, the Defender (from £24,255) remains supremely capable off-road despite a lineage dating back to 1948, and I was reminded of this at the Land Rover Experience Centre at Luton Hoo, Hertfordshire.

The Defender feels primitive and stiff, but you never doubt its ability to hang sideways off an incline, conquer a heavily-rutted slope and crest a rise before easing under control to the bottom at a seemingly impossible angle. Naturally, this ability comes at the price of fairly indifferent on-road driving manners, but if you need ultimate off-roading then the Landie still has it.

The real surprise of my day at Luton Hoo, however, was revisiting the other extreme of the Land/Range Rover range.

More than 60 years separates the Defender from the latest Range Rover Evoque (from £28,695) and, while I had previously experienced the latter's fine on-road capabilities and even done some limited off-road work, I was unprepared for how good the new baby of the LR range can be when the going gets tough.

Every exercise we tackled with the Defender was matched by the Evoque and, while one instructor admitted he would still back the Defender against all comers if the course became a quagmire, it was an impressive feat.

The tragedy is, that while most Defender owners will buy it particularly for off-roading, few Evoque-buyers will want to get their car dirty; indeed, LR chose to break with Range Rover tradition by offering a front-wheel-drive-only eco-friendly Evoque model.

Somewhere between these two extremes lies my real pick of the day, the Land Rover Discovery 4 (£38,825). I didn't get to drive it off-road, though its ability is now as much legend as the Defender's.

But it is on-road that this seven-seat Leviathan truly impresses, with a nimbleness that belies its size and bulk.

In luxury trim, it also makes a strong argument for not bothering with the more expensive Range Rover (from £69,995), but the latter's on- and off-road ability and outright snob value make it so much in demand.



Price: £24,225

Driving appeal:

Image:

Image:

Space:

Value:

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How green?: ★★

Best rival: Land Rover Discovery 4

Evergreen Landie prepares for last hurrah but still stands test





... the on-road experience. The Defender is harder to manoeuvre, noisy and poorly sprung, while the interior is far from sumptuous.



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a specialedition XTech Defender, top, while the current

STAGER:

Land Rover

has launched

while the current model, far left, still takes a drop in its stride. The new Range Rover Evoque, left, can also walk the talk

NOT SURE

... that many buyers mind all the discomfort. Most want it for its proper off-road ability, and almost all love it as a British motoring icon.



...the Defender's air of invincibility. The old-stager shrugs off mud and can tackle a 47-degree slope. No wonder the military still loves it. 4X4

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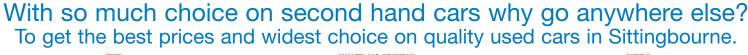
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Numbers add up as Sportback makes premium sense for Audi

By Steve Loader

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SO what's so special about an extra set of doors? That has to be the first question when considering the A1 Sportback – the five-door version, to you and me – of Audi's smallest car. Not a lot on the face of it, since the Sportback

Not a lot on the face of it, since the Sportback (from £13,980) has a near-identical look to its three-door sister.

Look closer, though, and you do get extra versatility when compared with other strictly three-door small cars, such as the BMW Mini and Fiat 500, bought by the image-conscious.

There is also a bit of extra rear headroom in Sportback models compared with equivalent and £560 cheaper three-door sister models, plus the ability to seat five rather than four – significant differences for those who want a premium motor with more functionality.

No wonder, then, that Audi reckons the Sportback will outsell the three-door model by two to one, following its springtime launch this year.

The other big benefit is that the A1 line-up is incredibly green, apart from the overtly sporting models.

The £15,675 A1 Sportback 1.6 TDI Sport model tested here is lively enough (0-62mph in 10.7 seconds) yet emits just 99g/km of CO2, making it exempt from road tax and the London congestion charge. It should also average about 70mpg if driven sensibly.

70mpg if driven sensibly.

Now that's a pretty attractive package for a well-made small car that is relatively cheap, unless you go mad with upgrades; the test car actually retails at £22,360, having gained various expensive goodies like an admittedly tempting Bose sound-system upgrade, sat-nav, xenon headlights, sports suspension and 17-inch alloys rather than standard-fit 16s.

Many of these you can do without and, in the case of the bigger alloys (£460), I would definitely urge you not to bother since the A1's ride is best described as firm anyway and the bigger

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A SMALL WONDER:

Audi reckons that its A1 Sportback will outsell its three-door sister model by two to one thanks to two extra doors and slightly more headroom

wheels simply make it more unruly on our patchy $\ensuremath{\mathrm{U}} K$ roads.

The biggest waste of cash, though, would seem to be the two-tone paint job in Glacier White (£510) and Daytona Grey (£400), but you can't blame Audi for that when people also seem equally willing to pay silly money to bling up Minis and 500s.

What you do get as standard is impeccable build quality for a car this size and the guarantee that it will retain a lot of its value for when you sell. The dashboard is typically well arranged and thought out, while the quality of trimming and materials is excellent.

It is surprising, though, that the rear seats do not quite fold flat on the Sportback yet do on the three-door version, perhaps something to do with the three-seat capability across the back, where the three-door only seats two people.

Behind the wheel, the A1 is responsive and

fun to drive even with our eco-favouring powertrain; importantly, it takes off sharply, making this version a cracker for townie owners needing some cut and thrust ability now and then while still minding the fuel economy.

The diesel engine can be gruff but is mostly smooth and responsive and settles well for motorway cruising, helped by a tall top gear on the crisp five-speed gearbox.

Keen drivers will like the way the A1 grips tightly and doesn't sway into cornering, although, as we implied earlier, there seems little to gain from the bigger alloys fitted to the test car, having driven versions with the standard 16-inch wheels.

The steering also feels a bit light – good for parking, but not so great for the enthusiast, who might well look to the Mini line-up where the Countryman estate goes a little further towards the Sportback's versatility.

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Plug into Prius says Toyota

MINDFUL of the Vauxhall Ampera/Chevrolet Volt sisters that can run for long distances on electric power alone after an overnight charge, Toyota now offers something similar with its Prius eco star.

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Ecomotive to lead Seat way

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C-Class given boost for 2013

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Beetle is power preparing to shift up a gear

By Steve Loader

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VOLKSWAGEN'S all-new Beetle is set to really take flight with the arrival of petrol and diesel engines that can bring out the car's sporting side.

Until now engine options have been modest, even if they haven't deterred the stampede to get this latest cult car.

But if the new generation car was to avoid the effete image of its predecessor – the so-called New Beetle – it needed more urge in the line-up.

This would also complement its racy lines; I've said all along there's more than an echo of early Porsche coupés in the profile.

And now it does have the necessary horsepower in the form of a 140PS (138bhp) 2.0TDI turbodiesel or a 200PS (198bhp) 2.0TSI turbocharged petrol engine.

The latter (from £22,295) is not quite the engine from the Golf GTI, but it will crack the O-62mph sprint in 7.5 seconds, and I don't think we should rule out an ultimate performance flagship later, though whether it will wear the legendary GTI badge is less certain.

By comparison, the diesel (from £20,085) is a dullard taking 9.5 seconds to hit 62mph, though this should still be lively for most tastes and belies the snappy take-off allowed by the unit's low down output.

As a diesel it is also economical, with an official combined consumption of 57.6mpg.

Both new versions are offered with a six-speed manual or VW's excellent six-speed DSG gearbox, which offers smooth auto-changing in traf-





fic without fuel consumption penalties, but slick manual selection out on the open road – surely the shape of things to come.

There is little doubt VW fancies the turbocharged petrol version as a potential cult car; it is only available in flagship Sport trim or as a special-edition Turbo Black and Turbo Silver (from £22,995) complete with 'Turbo' decals in either silver or black along the side, door mirrors in

silver or black, the door rubbing strip in body colour – rather than black, as on standard Sport models – and 19-inch 'Tornado' alloys.

The diesel is also available in more affordable yet generous Design trim including 17-inch alloys, Bluetooth, digital CD/radio and iPod/aux connectivity, front fog lights, air con and multifunction leather-trimmed steering wheel.

As with similar cult cars there is also scope for

extras packs and customisation, but VW predicts that one 'must have' is the £500 Fender sound pack, developed with the eponymous electric guitar firm and delivering 400W.

It has switchable three-colour illumination surrounding the front speakers too.

The Beetle is also available from £16,600 with turbocharged 105PS (104bhp) 1.2TSI and 160PS (158bhp) 1.4TSI engines.



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OLYMPICS

Kent stars eager to grab their golden opportunity and shine at Olympics

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NINE months ago Adam Gemili was dreaming of one day walking out to a

It's just that he probably imagined that venue to be Stamford Bridge or Wembley, and the shirt he was pulling would be in the colours of a leading Premiership football side.

However, dreams have a funny way of becoming a reality – but not quite as you imagined.

For 18-year-old Gemili, this weekend will see him resplendent in the red, white and blue of the Team GB kit, receiving the applause and admiration of a sell-out 80,000 crowd at London's Olympic Stadium. Not to mention a global TV audience which is likely to have more digits than David Beckham's bank account.

He competes in the heats for the men's 100m final on Saturday and, if all goes to plan, he will line alongside the likes of Usain Bolt on Sunday night for the showniece event of the Games - the race to determine who is the fastest man on Earth.

The fact he only started to concentrate on his sprinting at the beginning of this year, after previously pursuing a career in football, makes it all the more remarkable.

The former Dartford Grammar School pupil had set a goal of competing in the World Junior Championships last month - and when he made the Olympic team he was still unsure as to whether he was making the leap to the world's biggest sporting event too soon.

Instead he opted for both, and got off to a flying start by taking the $100\mathrm{m}$ iunior title. His 10.05secs in winning his junior crown in Barcelona was hailed as "phenomenal" by Tyson Gay, the second-fastest man of all time, and he believes the 18-year-old will become the first teenager to break the 10-second barrier.

Gemili himself admits the prospect of running against his hero Usain Bolt is something he would relish.

"Competing against Bolt at the Olympics would be a once in-a-lifetime experience," he said.

"Bolt has given me a few pearls of wisdom; he told me to prepare mentally as well as physically.

Gay, who will be hoping he can see off the challenge of Bolt and his fellow Jamaican Yohan Blake, believes that Gemili will be a big name in the sport in years to come – regardless of his performance in London.

"I think he's going to be around for a while," he added.

"I think he's going to be one of the greatest sprinters of all time, watching that race. He did it at the big show and that's where it counts.

"The time he ran is great for his age. If he stays healthy he's capable of 9.99sec next year, then 9.92sec and then the 9.8s in a steady progression."



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MIXED FORTUNES FOR COUNTY'S OLYMPIANS DURING FIRST WEEK

WEEK one may have got off to a slow start for Team GB before exploding into life on Wednesday. but Kent's Olympians were reflecting on a job well done as two emerged already clutching medals.

On Tuesday, Canterbury rider
William Fox-Pitt was the first to step on the podium after helping the three-day equestrian eventing team to silver.

The 43-year-old, who already had a bronze and a silver from the previous two Olympics, was part of the five-strong British team who put in a fine display at Greenwich Park.

Riding Lionheart, he rode in the final stage of the team pursuit and, along with Nicola Wilson, Mary King, Zara Phillips and Tina Cook, put in a performance worthy of second place, five points behind Germany,

Wednesday morning saw a second medal heading for Kent as Ashford's **Tom Ransley** part of the men's rowing eight which came third at Eton Dorney. In a thrilling final Ransley and co led with just a quarter of the race to go, but strong finishes from Germany and Canada saw them get ahead of the British team. Bexleyheath's Jack

But there is far more to look forward to over the coming week than simply the mad dash which forms the 100m.

Oliver may not have

earned himself a medal in

After an electrifying first week of sporting endeavour, the athletics got under way on Friday and provides the the weightlifting, but equalling the British record was more than consolation enough for the 21-yearold in the men's 77kg category.

Oliver overcame an unexpected start to the morning - when he missed his morning alarm call - to put in a performance that had most of a 6,000-strong crowd at the ExCeL on their feet.

After failing with his first attempt at 135kg in the snatch, he managed it second time around, and then went 5kg better with his next lift just 2kg below his personal best and a further 3kg behind the British

Windsurfer **Bryony Shaw** made a promising start to her campaign at Weymouth and Portland, with the final races in her event taking place over this weekend.

Trampolinist Kat Driscoll was also hoping for success on Saturday at the North Greenwich Arena

In hockey, West Malling's Ashley Jackson scored twice, but missed a late penalty as Team GB were held to a 2-2 draw by South Africa.

Team GB opened up with a 4-1 win over Argentina, but the draw with the Proteas leaves them needing positive results against Australia on Sunday and Spain on Tuesday to make sure of progression.

In the women's competition, there was disappointment for Canterbury's Jen Wilson as her South Africa side were thrashed 7-1 in their opening game by Argentina.

In the pool, there was heartbreak for Bromley's Ellen Gandy as she failed to reach the 200m butterfly semi-final. Gandy, the silver medallist at last year's World Championships, tailed off in the second 100m to finish fifth in her heat.

Meanwhile, former Gillingham defender **Ryan Bertrand** has also been in London 2012 action, helping

Team GB to reach the quarter-

The Chelsea man started the opening game against Senegal, and although he was left out of the 3-1 win over UAE at Wembley, he returned to the team to help them beat Uruguay 1-0 in Cardiff and set up a last-eight clash with South Korea.

in his main event, and while all the focus will be on his near-namesake and World Champion Dai Greene, the 20-year-old is hoping he can spring a surprise.

reaching the semi-finals in last year's World Championships, but he believes that was a "waste of time" and that has spurred him on this year.

He trains alongside Greene under the tutelage of a man dubbed "the Alex Ferguson of athletics", legendary coach Malcolm Arnold.

Green said: "I've been behind Dai so far this season, but hopefully, come the Olympics, I'll be able to run times where he'll have to think about me as a competitor and not just a training partner," said Green.

"I'm going in ranked seventh in the world and was only 0.1 secs off Angelo Taylor at Crystal Palace, and he's a two-time Olympic champion, so I'm in a really good place."

Green is also in the 4x400m relay squad, having also set a previous best in the flat this year, aided by motiva-

tional messages on his arms. He added: "I have a tendency not to focus too well - I enjoy the whole experience a bit too much instead of having tunnel vision - so that's why I did it.

"I just choose a few key words that I react to. I can kind of get carried away in a hurdles race and start turning over my legs a bit too quick, so I wrote 'long, strong' on my arm.

Then on the 400m it was 'chin down, flat back' because when I get tired and lactic, I tend to throw my head back and then everything is going backwards.

"I spent an hour warming up before each race and the whole time I saw that on my arm, so they were subliminal messages in a way and they obviously worked."

While the Games may be coming at just the right time for Green and Gemili, Lisa Dobriskey would be the first to admit her preparations have been far from ideal.

After high hopes of a medal in Beijing four years ago, she was agonisingly close to securing a podium place, coming fourth.

The Ashford star, who grew up on Romney Marsh, describes her road to London 2012 as a "bumpy ride" - it could be one of the great understate-

Earlier this year she was diagnosed with a pulmonary embolism on her lungs - blood clots which could have proved fatal if not treated.

The 1500m women's heats begin on Monday. She may be an ousider, but if she defies expectations, her quest for gold glory will reach a pinnacle next Friday in the final.

She said: "In my head I told myself that I was going to the Olympics and focused on my training that would get me there. I didn't waste any time or energy stressing on whether I would be there or not.

"I really hope to make the final. I was fourth in Beijing so for me to go one better would be the ultimate goal.

The county is behind them - along with the rest of our Olympic stars.

chance to shine for some of Kent's top Olympians.

Maidstone's Jack Green will be hoping for glory in the 400m hurdles - the heats and semi-finals of which take place this weekend.

Green is currently ranked seventh

FOOTBALL

Allen hopes to add to team as Addicks visit Priestfield

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GILLINGHAM manager Martin Allen is confident his new side will soon get to grips with his style of play, as the club's pre-season programme

Allen's new-look side play host to Charlton on Saturday, still unbeaten in pre-season after winning 2-1 against Dover on Tuesday night - a game which saw Adam Birchall play a full 90 minutes against his former club.

Birchall was among the scorers at Crabble, but Allen is keen for his side to step up as they approach the big kick-off a week on Tuesday when they travel to face Bristol City in the League

"Our passing wasn't as good as what it can be in the first half," he said. "If you give the ball away then you lose the tempo and you lose belief.

"We want to shift the ball around the pitch. The players want to do it, I want to see it and so do the fans, but we want to do it by being positive, creating chances and getting in behind their back four.

'We certainly got that in the second-half and it's fair to say Alex Brown and Jack Evans came on with a positive attitude and lifted our team.'

The Gills did lose centre-back Connor Essam to injury late on, and although he may miss the game with the Addicks, Allen is not too concerned about his injury list – something which was a real problem for his predecessor Andy Hessenthaler last season.



READY: Gills manager Martin Allen says confidence is rising ahead of start of the new campaign

'We have picked up a few knocks," he added. "We knew it was going to be a competitive game but the lads have done really well.

"Connor has got an ankle problem, so has Andy Frampton. Charlie Allen and Lewis Montrose have both got dead legs but they will be

"I would imagine both ankles, with a bit of strapping and some ice, will be fine too."

Allen, who has confirmed Carl Muggleton as his goalkeeping coach this week, has added another new face to his squad in MK Dons centreback Tom Flanagan, and is hoping to bring in more players before the game with Charlton.

CRICKET ROUND-UP



Ducks cost Lordswood dear in heavy defeat

LORDSWOOD suffered a disappointing defeat as they were comprehensively beaten by Beckenham in their Premier Division clash.

After losing the toss, skipper Kevin Masters ran out opposite number Chris Iles to leave the home side 10-1, but Alex Blake (70) and William MacVicar (104) put on 124 for the second wicket to help their side to an imposing 257-4, with Daniel Masters taking three wickets.

In reply, Lordswood slumped to 1-2 after losing Nathan Moore and Lyndon Lockhart for ducks, and they lost wickets at regular intervals.

Shaun Piesley made an unbeaten 48 and received support down the order from Daniel Masters (14) and Jack Laraman (17), but Lordswood were all out for 137, losing by 120 runs.

High Halstow still have just a solitary win to their names in Division Three this season after 132-run loss to Catford Wanderers.

The visitors won the toss and batted first and made 303-5, despite two wickets apiece for Matthew Tungate and Adam Colgate.

Tungate was dismissed early on without score, and despite 35 from Josh Coates, 29 apiece from Benjamin Bowles and Dave Coyle and an unbeaten 28 by Ashley Trigg, they fell well short and were all out for 171.

Rainham were also defeated, going down by 47 runs against Division Four leaders Cowdrey.

Cowdrey made 209-9 as they batted first, with Nick Plumridge (4-51) and Thomas Burns (3-47) the pick of the bowlers. Opener Stuart Chipperfield made 44 in the reply, but he was the only man in the top six to reach double figures. They were dismissed for 162.

Grand Final glory as Dragons | United get season under roar to their third cup victory

MEDWAY Dragons' under-16s completed the treble as they overcame Croydon Hurricanes 24-16 in the London Youth and Junior League Grand Final.

The Dragons, who finished third in the regular season, came out on top against the Hurricanes - who had finished top - thanks to tries from Jamie Gillen, Richard Harris Tom Josling, and Alfie Seager, with Joe Keyes adding the extras

The young Dragons had already won the Challenge Cup and the nine-a-side competition, but this victory against a side who lost just one of their regular season fixtures put the gloss on a fantastic season.

Coach Mike Nayler said: "The Dragons proved today that on a good day they are unstoppable at this age group.

"Well done to the 20 who were selected for the game, and thanks also to Lewis Richards and Robert Everden, who came along and supported the team, showing the spirit that has prevailed from the whole squad throughout the season.

Navler has been assisted throughout the campaign by Dave



WINNERS: Dragons clinch cup

Daulby and Roy Woodrow, and club head coach Martin Coyd was quick to praise the role they have played in the team's success.

He said: "Mike, Dave and Roy have developed a special group of players, a very tight group with huge respect for one another.

They train, play and conduct themselves at the highest standards and are great role models for the whole club.

Their dedication and hard work has been rewarded with an amazing achievement."

FOOTBALL

way with tough home tie

ROCHESTER United kick-off their Kent League campaign this weekend with a tough home clash against Erith & Belvedere, but are relishing the opportunity to get to grips with a higher standard of

Previously known as Bly Spartans, the team clinched promotion from the inaugural Kent Invicta League last season to book themselves a berth in the competitive Kent League - just one step away from securing Ryman League football.

The club changed their name earlier this year.

And they will get a sense of the challenge which awaits them at 3pm on Saturday at their ground in Rede Court Road, Strood, when they face last year's runners-up in their opening match.

Elsewhere in the league, VCD many people's tip for the title - kick off against Beckenham, while Canterbury begin with a trip to relegated Whyteleafe, and Tunbridge Wells, a side expected to be pushing for the title, play host to Fisher, Elsewhere Corinthian take on Lordswood, Deal host Holmes-



KICK-OFF: Tough opener awaits

dale and Sevenoaks travel to Erith

The Football League, Conference and Ryman League wait until August 18 for their big kick-off - to avoid a clash with the Olympic Games in London.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES

P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Р
Hartley Country Club13	3	1	4	2	16
Sevenoaks Vine	1	1	8	17	15
Blackheath13	1	1	16	15	15
Bexley	1	2	12	12	14
Bickley Park13	1	0	11	15	13
Lordswood13	0	0	13	15	13
Bromley13	1	1	13	17	1
Beckenham	2	0	12	9	1
Canterbury13	2	1	8	21	10
Tunbridge Wells 13	1	0	13	17	5
DIVISION THRE	E				
Addington Village13	11	0	4	1	20
Catford Wanderers 13	9	n	1	8	1
Chestfield13	7	n	7	10	10
Old Elthamians13	6	n	8	15	1!
Old Wilsonians	5	1	11	18	1.
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Macknade13	6	1	12	18	10
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Sidcup	4	2	16	23	1
Rodmersham13	4	0	10	18	1
Betteshanger CW13	3	Ō	7	20	1
Bexleyheath13	3	1	10	20	1
Rainham	2	0	17	28	
Gravesend RF 13	Ω	2	14	26	9

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